

# Minutes of the 33rd ECRB Gas Working Group Meeting

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## 1. Agenda of the 33rd ECRB GWG meeting

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**Related document:** Draft agenda of the 33rd GWG meeting

**Discussion:** The GWG Co-Chair, Mr. Cioffo, welcomed the meeting participants and especially thanked representatives of Polish and Romanian NRAs for hosting and joining the meeting. He introduced the draft agenda and asked participants if they had any comments. The participants did not raise comments to the draft agenda.

**Conclusions:** The agenda has been approved without changes.

**ACTION POINT:** ECRB Section to upload final agenda to the GWG meetings' area on the Energy Community website.

## 2. Minutes of the 32nd ECRB GWG meeting

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**Related document:** Draft minutes of the 32nd GWG meeting

**Discussion:** Mr. Cioffo invited participants to provide comments on the draft minutes of the previous GWG meeting.

**Conclusions:** The minutes have been approved without changes.

**ACTION POINTS:** ECRB Section to upload final minutes to the Energy Community website.

## 3. Report from the 30th ECRB meeting

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**Related document:** -

**Discussion:** Mrs. Grall informed participants about the results of the 30th ECRB meeting, in particular that:

- The position of the ECRB to the HLRG document on the future of the Energy Community had been discussed; EC, as Vice President of the ECRB, is currently collecting views of the EU MSs on this;
- the ECRB approved the following changes to the ECRB Internal Rules of Procedure: extension of the President's term to 2 years (renewable once); introduction of voting requirements for dismissal of the President; a provision allowing Working Groups to refrain from designating a Deputy Chair in case co-Working Group Chairpersons are appointed;

- the EC is currently working on revision of the ACER Regulation with a view to allow implementation of relevant rules to the interconnection points with EnC CPs;
- EC presented its position on participation of EnC NRAs in ACER (ACER may decide if CPs NRAs join the group(s), but they can participate in Board only if 3<sup>rd</sup> Package is implemented- this is to be confirmed by the ECS);

**Conclusions/Action points:** for information

#### ***4. Report 27<sup>th</sup> Madrid Forum***

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**Related document:** -

**Discussion:** Mrs. Grall updated participants on the main topics of discussion of the last EU Gas Regulatory Forum: Energy Union, Security of supply (EC is reviewing SoS Regulation that might be applicable in the Energy Community CPs as of next year), gas quality (CEN standards to be finalized and published in October 2015), Network Code on Tariffs still under discussion- trilateral meetings ACER/ENTSOG/EU started, implementation of congestion management rules, capacity platforms and progress of regional initiatives.

**Conclusions/Action points:** for information

#### ***5. Gas Regional Initiative South South- East***

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**Related document:** -

**Discussion:** Mrs. Grall provided a brief overview of the discussions at the Workshop on GRI SSE, organized in February 2015 in Brussels. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the current priorities in the process of gas market regulation and the role of the regional cooperation in the implementation of priorities. The topics also discussed were: cooperation of capacity booking platforms, Energy Union strategy, and status quo of pilot projects And the ECRB contributions to the GRI SSE WO 2015-2018.

Mrs. Marsenic informed participants about the outcomes of the first meeting of the GRI SSE CAM Implementation Group, held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in Warsaw. The meeting was organized with a view to discuss experiences of relevant NRAs and TSOs in implementing certain provisions of CAM regulation (joint methods of capacity calculation at IPs, competing capacities at IPs, offering of long- term and short- term capacities, cooperation of booking platforms, common nominations and congestion management procedures at IPs where different methodologies are implemented on both sides). Being also active participants in the CAM IG meeting, Mrs. Kazmierska and Mr. Ischia provided details related to the mentioned topics.

**Conclusions/Action points:** for information

#### ***6. TF 1 – Wholesale Market Monitoring***

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**Related document:** -

**Discussion:** On behalf of Mr. Vistica, TF1 Leader, Mrs. Marsenic thanked GWG members from Contracting Parties for providing completed questionnaires on wholesale markets on time. She highlighted that several elements of the questionnaire should be revised by GWG members (in particular information on wholesale prices and transmission tariffs), but also stated that the relevant communication would be continued on bilateral basis.

**Conclusions/Action points:**

- ECRB section to discuss with NRAs on bilateral basis the information provided in the questionnaires;
- ECRB Section and TF Leader to draft the wholesale market monitoring report and send to GWG for comments.

## **7. TF2 – GRI SSE Pilot Projects**

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**Related document:** Draft Inception Report of the Study on cross- border natural gas market integration in the EnC

**Discussion:**

**Pilot Project on Transparency:** Mrs. Grall reminded participants that the GRI SSE Work Program 2015- 2018 includes a pilot project on transparency to be performed for the EnC CPs. She also said that the ECRB GWG report on transparency, prepared in 2011, might serve as a basis for future work. Mrs. Marsenic explained that the questionnaire used in 2011 included mainly requirements of 2<sup>nd</sup> Package but also some of the questions related to 3<sup>rd</sup> Package and announced that the questionnaire should be revised and circulated in summer for completion. The final report on transparency is expected end 2015/beginning of 2016.

**Conclusions/Action points:**

- ECRB Section to revise the questionnaire on transparency and circulate to GWG for completion in summer 2015;
- GWG to complete the questionnaire on transparency in given deadline.

**Pilot project on CAM UKR- PL:** Mr. Cioffo informed participants about the latest communication of Ukrainian and Polish NRA regarding potential pilot project on joint capacity allocation on UKR- PL interconnection points. Mrs. Kazmierska explained that two IPs currently existed- one fully booked, with the direction UKR- PL, and the new one built for the purpose of reverse flow, but actually used only for interruptible capacity. She also said that TSOs already launched preliminary discussions on joint capacity allocation. Ms. Kryvonoh confirmed readiness of Ukrainian NRA to support such a project. Mr. Cioffo welcomed the readiness of regulators to support the project and invited them to establish timeline for its implementation in cooperation of relevant TSOs.

**Conclusions/Action points:**

- NEURC and URE to follow- up launching and implementation of pilot project in CAM at UKR- PL IPs and consequently inform GRI SSE RCC and ECRB GWG.

**Study “Cross- border gas market integration in the Energy Community”:** Mrs. Marsenic informed participants about the results of public procurement procedure for selecting a consultant for the study, done by

the ECS (Austrian company Wagner, Elbling & Company won the tender). She said that the kick-off meeting for the study had been organized recently and that several issues were to be agreed by the GWG members:

- Nomination of contact persons to be in charge of communication with consultant and national TSO(s), providing data necessary for study and participating in two discussions with the consultant and the ECRB Section on, preliminary, 9th July and 4th September, organized with an aim to exchange views on the current status of the study (it is envisaged to discuss packages 1-3 of the study on 9th July and packages 4-5 on 4th September).
- Sharing data collected for the purpose of wholesale market monitoring with the consultant.

The GWG members agreed on the abovementioned issues.

Mrs. Marsenic stressed that involvement of NRAs and TSOs of adjacent EU Member States in the study would be of utmost importance for its success. Ms. Kazmierska and Ms. Caracasian ensured that their NRAs were ready to support the study preparation.

Mrs. Marsenic asked participants if they had any preliminary comments to the draft inception report of the report. Ms. Spasic questioned whether national responsibilities included in the market integration action plan would assume new obligations for the NRAs and TSOs. Mrs. Grall ensured that the results of the study should comprise proposals for responsibilities of individual institutions and relevant timelines for possible future implementation of market integration projects; however decisions to implement certain projects would only be brought by the relevant institutions in the later stage. Mrs. Marsenic invited participants to provide any other comments to the draft inception report in a written form by 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015. Finally, she announced that the consultants would present draft inception report at the GRI SSE Stakeholder Group Meeting the next day.

#### **Conclusions/Action points:**

- GWG to provide comments to the draft inception report of the study and nominate contact person for communication related to study preparation;
- ECRB Section to follow-up the study preparation and organize telephone conference calls with the consultant and NRAs' contact persons on 9<sup>th</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

## ***8. Update on national developments***

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**Related document:** -

**Discussion:** the updates were provided in the GRI SSE RCC meeting, organized in the afternoon of the same day.

**Conclusions/Action points:** for information only

## ***9. AOB***

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**Related document:** -



**Discussion: -**

**Conclusions/Action points: -**

## ***10. Next meeting***

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Mr. Cioffo announced that the next GWG meeting would be organized on 5th October 2015 (afternoon), back to back with the workshop dedicated to discussing study results and proposals on 6th October (morning) and EnC Gas Forum on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October.

## Annex- List of participants

Surname	Name	Institution
Anicic	Jelena	REGAGEN
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Golonka	Karolina	URE
Grall- Edler	Nina	ECS- ECRB Section
Ischia	Alessandro	E-Control
Kazmierska	Aldona	URE
Kryvonoh	Tetiana	NERC
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Popadic	Aleksandar	AERS
Saraqini	Astrit	ERO
Shuli	Maksim	ERE
Spasic	Ivana	AERS
Tomic	Milenko	SERC