

 INVITATION

GAP Institute, in cooperation with The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw), is organising a round table where it will present a report on

# The effect of State aid on the electricity market in the Balkans

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**Date:** Friday | 22 | Feb | 2019

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Place:** Energy Community Secretariat

**Address:** Am Hof 4, Level 5-6, 1010 Vienna, Austria

Contrary to the majority of the EU countries, Balkan governments plan to expand lignite power plant projects in the upcoming years. Most of these will present serious challenges in terms of environmental, economic and legal issues.

GAP Institute, in cooperation with the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw), has analysed these projects and assessed the compatibility of the European Union's State aid rules and the electricity market liberalisation objectives in the Balkans.

A preliminary review of the contracts to build new power plants suggests that there are several projects in various countries in the Balkans that might be classified as in breach with State aid laws, hence leading to the closure of their market. The report uses case studies to show how State aid is impairing the EU goal of open markets in the electricity sector in the Balkans. Some of the case studies that will be reviewed are: a) Kosovo's recent contract with ContourGlobal to build a 500 MW power plant; b) Serbia's loan guarantee for the 'Kolubara' TPP; c) Bosnia and Herzegovina's plans to grant aid for the construction of the 'Tusla 7' TPP etc.

Upon the confirmation of your attendance, you will receive the draft report via e-mail.

The workshop will be held on 22 February 2019 starting from 10:30 am.

For more information please find attached the agenda.

Please confirm your attendance at this e-mail address: [info@institutigap.org](mailto:info@institutigap.org)

# AGENDA

10:00 am – 10:30 am Registration and Reception

## Panelists

Moderator:

**Visar Azemi**, Executive Director, Balkan Green Foundation, Kosovo

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Opening remarks:

**Elisabeth Hagen**, Executive Director, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw), Austria

**Nora Latifi-Jashari**, Executive Director, GAP Institute, Kosovo

10:45 am – 10:55 am

**Blend Hyseni**, Presentation of the report, GAP Institute, Kosovo

10:55 am – 11:05 am

**Dirk Buschle**, Deputy Director, Energy Community Secretariat (ECS), Austria

11:05 am – 11:45 am

Summary of the ECT Cases / State aid:

**Arben Kllokoqi**, Case: 'Kosova e Re' TPP, ECRB Electricity Expert, ECS

**Marie-Therese Richter**, Case: 'Tuzla 7' and 'Kolubara B' TPP, Energy Lawyer, ECS

11:45 am – 11:55 am

Representative – European Commission (TBC)

11:55 am – 12:55 am

Open discussion for attendees

12:55 am – 1:00 pm

Closing remarks