

29th Energy Community Electricity Forum

WYNDHAM GRAND Hotel, Megalou Alexandrou 2, 10437 Athens

Chaired by the European Commission

Overview

Wednesday, 5 June 2024

13:00-18:30: Forum Day 1

18:45-20:45: Evening Reception

Thursday, 6 June 2024

9:00-14:00: Forum Day 2

14:00: Farewell Lunch

Program – Day 1

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13:00 Opening

Welcome

Andras Hujber | DG ENER, European Commission

Host Address

Dimitrios Tsalemis | General Director of Energy, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Greece

Keynote Speech:

Artur Lorkowski | Director, Energy Community Secretariat

Maxim Timchenko | CEO, DTEK

14:00 Panel Debate I: The Electricity Market Design – navigating the reform

Despite continued geopolitical instability, at the beginning of 2024, day-ahead electricity market prices returned to the pre-crisis level. However, with an increased hourly price volatility. To ensure sustainable electricity markets with stable and affordable prices, the Council of the EU adopted on 21 May the electricity market design (EMD) reform. At the same time, the ongoing transposition and implementation of the Electricity Integration Package adopted by the Energy Community in 2021 and 2022 focuses on the integration of the Contracting Parties' electricity markets into the EU internal

market by 2026. This requires Contracting Parties to revisit core elements of their electricity market design in order to attract new investments needed to reach 2030 targets. The needed reforms are also linked to the new Growth Plan for Western Balkans and the EU support plans for Ukraine and Moldova agreed with the European Commission. The panel will discuss the state of play and reform priorities with the representatives of the EU and Contracting Parties' institutions and stakeholders.

Impulse statement: Andras Hujber, DG ENER

Panelists:

- Enea Karakaci, OSHEE, on behalf of Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Albania
- Sanja Kapetina, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Rina Lluka, Ministry of Economy, Kosovo*
- Constantin Borosan, Ministry of Energy, Moldova
- Biljana Ivanović, Ministry of Energy and Mining, Montenegro
- Jovana Joksimović, Ministry of Mining and Energy, Serbia

Moderated by Jasmina Trhulj, Energy Community Secretariat

15:15 Networking Coffee

15:30 Panel Debate II: Mastering the transition – All hands on deck

The decision to be taken on the future of a carbon pricing system in the Contracting Parties will not only have to complement the electricity market integration from the perspective of CBAM but have profound implications on deep transformation of the power sector in general. Besides reflecting on the discussion on carbon price design, the panel will look into different aspects of supporting the transition from the policy, regulatory and financing perspective.

Panelists:

- Adam Cwetsch, Energy Community Secretariat
- Tatjana Shterjova Dushkovska, Western Balkans 6 Chamber Investment Forum
- Vassilis Karakousis, E3Modelling
- Jerome le Page, Energy Traders Europe
- Davor Pupovac, EPS
- Maja Rašović, EFT Group

Moderated by Dirk Buschle, Energy Community Secretariat

16:45 Panel Debate III: Renewable Energy Investments: exploring CfDs, PPAs, merchant revenues and storage solutions

In today's ever-evolving energy landscape, renewable energy producers are faced with critical decisions regarding how to effectively market their electricity in order to ensure the success and viability of their projects. Historically, support schemes have served as a reliable foundation for renewable initiatives, especially within the Energy Community Contracting Parties, contributing to a gradual expansion of renewable energy capacity. However, with the adoption of ambitious 2030 targets and a growing interest in renewable energy, it becomes crucial to supplement support schemes with additional options such as Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and merchant revenues. The panel is designed to thoroughly examine these emerging options within the context of the current market dynamics. Throughout our discussion, we will dive into the particulars of Contracts for Difference (CfD), PPAs, and merchant revenues, considering the financial risks, market entry barriers, and potential revenue streams associated with each approach. In addition to financial aspects, our discussion will explore the critical importance of storage facilities in ensuring the success of renewable projects.

Panelists:

- Jovanka Atanacković, CWP Global
- Maria De Melo, EBRD
- Ivana Djurović, Knauf
- Miloš Mladenović, SEEPEX
- Jonathan S Saiger, MCC

Moderated by Naida Taso, Energy Community Secretariat

18:00 Snapshot: PEI candidate infrastructure projects
Davor Bajs | Energy Community Secretariat

18:30 Close of Day 1
Andras Hujber | European Commission

18:45 Cocktail Reception, WYNDHAM GRAND Hotel

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09:00 Opening

09:05 Panel Debate IV: Market coupling – stepping up the game

While, as a first step towards Contracting Parties' adherence to the SDAC and the SIDC, a draft market coupling operator integration plan (MCO IP) was elaborated, its official submission is postponed due to the lack in transposition and related discrepancies between NEMOs designated in the EU and the EnC. However, in parallel to the transposition, the establishment of local implementation projects (LIPs) has advanced and is leading up to the development of roadmaps for each LIP. Such roadmaps should outline all preparatory steps to achieve readiness of involved parties and, finally, the go-live of the LIP in alignment with the respective planning in the EU. The discussion will follow up on the work currently performed on LIP level and its importance in relation to the need for joint planning and predictable milestones.

Impulse statement: Rafael Gómez-Elvira González, NEMO Committee Chair

Snapshot: EnC LIPs

Panelists:

- Andre Estermann, MCSC CO-Chair
- Tamara Ninković, ECRB EWG Chair
- Daniil Petrenko, JSC MO
- Miha Pregl, USEA
- Evetar Zeqiri, KOSTT

Moderated by Salvatore Lanza, Co-chair of PCG JET EnC

10:30 Networking Coffee

11:00 Panel Debate V: Enhancing cross-zonal electricity trade

Regional cooperation among TSOs is one of the core elements of the Electricity Integration Package. In particular, the capacity calculation regions (CCRs) and system operations regions (SORs) of the Energy Community were established to define the geographical areas for various coordinated activities. As a first step, according to the adapted CACM Regulation, the TSOs of Contracting Parties and Member States of the Energy Community CCRs should have concluded cooperation agreements and submitted proposals for coordinated capacity calculation methodology in June 2023. Furthermore, the adapted Electricity Regulation requires Contracting Parties to make available a minimum of 70% of transmission capacity to market participants for cross-zonal trade, and make use of congestion income primarily to alleviate congestion. The panel will address Contracting Parties' plans on tackling (structural) congestion and efforts in operationalization of CCRs and SORs, in particular the implementation of coordinated capacity calculation to enhance cross-zonal trade.

Impulse statement: Eleni Charpantidou, ENTSO-E Board Member

Panelists:

- Anna Butenko, ENTSO-E
- Filip Marković, SEE CAO
- Griselda Merkaj, OST
- Andrii Nemyrovskiy, Ukrenergo
- Zoran Vujasinović, ACER
- Arnold Weiss, EUROPEX

Moderated by Arben Kllokoqi, Energy Community Secretariat

12:15 Panel Debate VI: Unblocking the grid connection requests and more efficient queue management

Integration of many vRES and their connection to transmission and distribution networks imposes a technical, regulatory, and economic challenge for system operators. In addition to the technical limitations within the networks, which are related to their existing configuration and transmission/distribution capacities, vRES may request additional requirements regarding system balancing. While connecting one production facility is relatively simple, the simultaneous connection of many vRES and their cumulative effect on the electricity system is more demanding. Therefore, system operators need support handling many grid connection requests, with the total installed capacity of new generation facilities often exceeding the capacity of existing power plants. The panel will discuss the challenges of solving connection requests and aim to propose changes to queue management in the organisational and technical sense to unblock RES integration in EnC CPs.

Participants:

- Andrej Juris, Energy Community Secretariat
- Miloš Kostić, MT-KOMEX
- Aleksandar Mijušković, CGES
- Blagoj Stojevski, EVN Macedonia
- Bojana Zindović, Elia Grid International GmbH

Moderated by Davor Bajcs, Energy Community Secretariat

13:30 Conclusions

14:00 Close of the Forum and Farewell Lunch, WYNDHAM GRAND Hotel