EASTERN PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM 3: "Energy Security"

1st WORKSHOP ON REGULATORY CONVERGENCE

THE ENERGY REGULATORS ROLE, POWERS AND CHALLENGES

Workshop objectives: The aim of this workshop is to launch an exchange of regulatory experiences and practices across European borders between the regulators of the Eastern Partnership (EaP).

Organisation: At the beginning of each session, representatives from the regulatory authorities of the six partner countries, from the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) and associated regulatory cooperation structures will be asked to give brief presentations (5-10 minutes each) on their reciprocal experience and current challenges related to the topic of the session. Presentations will be followed by a moderated discussion with workshop participants, based on a set of questions which will be circulated to confirmed participants ahead of the workshop.

Expected outcome: After an initial discussion on the regulatory frameworks and energy policies of partner countries, EaP regulators will have the possibility to evaluate the joint discussions and to consider further work of mutual interest, possibly establishing a common plan for deepened dialogue and cooperation. The discussions should reveal which topics could be discussed in more detail in the future and identify concrete issues where European Energy Regulators could efficiently assist EaP countries. Further topics of common interest for a second workshop may notably include regulatory tools in support of infrastructure development, interconnection and diversification of supply.

Target audience: Representatives of the Eastern Partnership's regulatory community, i.e. regulatory authorities of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and the 27 Member States as well as representatives of their regional associations (CEER and the Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA)); Representatives from the Energy Community Regulatory Board (ECRB) and the INOGATE team are invited to attend as well.

Interpretation: Simultaneous interpretation English/Russian

Draft Agenda

Radisson Blu Palais Hotel Vienna

Parkring 14-16, 1010 Vienna | Austria

30-31 May 2012

WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY 2012

13:30-14:00 **Registration, Welcome Coffee**

14:00-14:30 **Welcome and Introduction by the Co-Organisers**

- Walter Boltz, CEER Vice-President
- Massimo Lombardini, DG ENER, European Commission

14:30-16:00 **Regulatory Model and Market Design: The Role of Energy Regulators**

Key Note Speakers:

- Dietmar Preinstorfer, Head of International Relations, E-Control Austria
- Gabor Szoerenyi, President of ERRA
- 6 Keynote Speakers from the EaP Countries: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine

16:00-16:30 **Coffee break**

16:30-18:00 **Discussion**

Moderator: Michel Thiolliere, CEER Vice-President and Chair of the International Strategy Group at CEER

Key Topics:

- Status and structure of national regulatory authorities
- Powers and duties of national regulatory authorities
- Regulatory decision making process
- Market structure
- Operational model
- Current challenges

18:00-18:30 **Summary of the First Session and Conclusions**

20:00 **Dinner**

THURSDAY, 31 MAY 2012

09:00-10:30 **The Customer Perspective**

Key Note Speakers:

- Marielle Liikanen, Vice-Chair of the CEER Customers and Retail Markets Working Group
- Edin Zametica, Head of the Customer Working Group at ECRB
- 6 Keynote Speakers from the EaP Countries: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine

10:30-11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00-12:30 **Discussion**

Moderator: Massimo Lombardini, DG ENER, European Commission

Key Topics:

- Energy infrastructure tarification and customer interests
- Integration of renewables : regulatory challenges
- End-user price regulation
- Vulnerable customer protection

12:30-13:00 **Summary of the Second Session and Conclusions**

13:00-13:30 **Conclusions of the Workshop**

13:30-14:30 **Lunch**