

**Workshop on
Regional Energy Interconnectivity Challenges**

**5 December 2017
Brussels, Belgium**

Agenda

Venue: [Berlaymont Hotel](#), Boulevard Charlemagne 11-19, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

Chair: *Anne-Charlotte Bournoville, Head of Unit "International Relations and Enlargement", DG Energy, European Commission*

9:00-09:30 **Registration**

1. Introduction

09:30-09:45 **Opening:**

Anne-Charlotte Bournoville, Head of Unit "International Relations and Enlargement", DG Energy, European Commission

Audrone Perkauskiene, Head of Division "Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE", European External Action Service

Vassilis Maragos, Head of Unit "Regional Programmes Neighbourhood East", DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission

09:45-10:15 **Summary of subject related discussions under Eastern Partnership Platform 3**, *Marion Schiller-Probst, "International Relations and Enlargement", DG Energy, European Commission*

Followed by quick tour de table on Eastern Partner countries' expectations to be addressed during the workshop (3' each, no PowerPoint)



2. Project planning

10:15-11:00 **Long term infrastructure planning with regional focus in the EU**, Catharina Sikow-Magny, Head of Unit and/or Adam Szolyak, “Networks and regional initiatives”, DG Energy, European Commission (this could include sharing concrete examples and lessons learned from EU experience)

Cost-benefit analysis, technical planning (e.g. synchronous versus asynchrony interconnections), Robert Schroeder, ENTSO-E and Céline Heidreich, ENTSO-G

Followed by Q&A

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-11:45 **Energy Community best practices from the PEGI (Projects of Energy Community Interest) and PMI (Projects of Mutual Interest) process**, Adam Balogh, Energy Community

Followed by Q&A

11:45-12:45 **Needs and challenges in partner countries regarding regional interconnectivity and planning**, representatives of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia (this could include sharing concrete examples and lessons learned e.g. on the Southern Gas Corridor experience with a focus on internal issues of project planning, planning organisation, breaking silos among stakeholders etc. Partner countries are invited to also inform to which extent their respective national long term strategies and regulatory frameworks foresee infrastructure cooperation at regional level.)

For Azerbaijan: Kamran Huseynov, Head of Investor Relations, SOCAR

For Georgia: Giorgi Chikovani, Ministry of Energy

12:45-13:45 Lunch break

13:45-14:45 **Needs and challenges in partner countries regarding regional interconnectivity and planning**, representatives of Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine (this could include sharing concrete examples and lessons learned e.g. on the Polish-Ukrainian gas interconnection and its impact on energy security and markets, the Iași-Ungheni interconnector with a focus on internal issues of project planning, planning organisation, breaking silos among stakeholders etc. Partner countries are invited to also inform to which extent their respective national long term strategies and regulatory frameworks foresee infrastructure cooperation at regional level.)

For Ukraine: Sergiy Makogon and Andrii Prokofiev, Ukrtransgaz

For Poland: Piotr Kuś, Deputy Director Development Division GAZ-SYSTEM

Followed by Q&A

3. EU4Energy support towards regional energy interconnectivity

14:45-15:30 **EU4Energy role towards a pipeline of regional energy interconnectivity projects**, *Bella Nestorova, "Regional Programmes Neighbourhood East", DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission*

EU4Energy data and policy work to date and contribution to improving regional energy interconnectivity, *Thea Khitarishvili, IEA*

Towards the identification of regional projects of key infrastructure in the Eastern Partnership context, *Svitlana Karpishyna, Deputy Head of Eastern Partnership Assistance Unit, Energy Community (including report on regional meeting in Vienna of 23/10/2017)*

Followed by Q&A

15:30-15:45 *Coffee break*

4. Securing investment

15:45-16:55 **The role of energy investment risk assessment (EIRA)**, *David Kramer, Head of Unit for Investment, Energy Charter Secretariat*

Improving the investment climate, IFIs to share experience in form of a discussion round

EIB: Monica Peña Sastre, Alexander Antonyuk, Oliver Tricca, Energy Economists

EBRD: Giuseppe Grimaldi (Energy Economist), Ana Berenguel (Associate Director), tentatively: Senzanonna Daniele (Principal Manager)

KfW: Nino Shanidze, Project Coordinator for Energy Projects in the KfW Office Georgia

World Bank: Patrizia Poggi (Senior Operations Officer), Alexander Rowland

IFC: Andrea Engel

16:55-17:00 **Conclusions and next steps**, *Anne-Charlotte Bournoville, Head of Unit "International Relations and Enlargement", DG Energy, European Commission*