High Level European Electricity Regulation Conference

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Palazzo Vecchio, Florence

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***Draft* Agenda**

09:00 – 09h30: Registration & Coffee

09h30 – 11h15: OPENING, Chaired by Dominique Ristori, DG Energy

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Welcome from Host: Dario Nardella, Florence Mayor

Miguel Arias Cañete, Commissioner for Energy and Climate

Carlo Calenda, Italian Minister of Economic Development

MEP Simona Bonafé (S&D, Italy), EP ENVI Member

Ando Leppiman, Estonian Presidency

Ceremony on the change at the National Regulators' helm:

Lord John Mogg (Ofgem) will pass the batons of ACER Board of Regulator's Chair and CEER President to newly appointed Mr Garrett Blaney (CRU)

11h15 – 12h30: SESSION 1

A strong internal electricity market as a boost to jobs, growth and European leadership

Moderator: Anna COLUCCI (Head of Unit, DG ENER)

Panelists:

- Alberto Pototschnig (ACER Director)
- Kristian Ruby (Eurelectric Secretary General)
- Jan Van Aken (EFET Secretary General)
- Peter Claes (IFIEC, Chair of the Electricity Working Party)
- Pierre Tardieu (Wind Europe, Chief Policy Officer)

Questions:

- *How can our power systems' interlinkages be turned into a positive asset?*
- *What are the strategic and economic benefits of a strengthened, more flexible European electricity market?*
- *How can good energy market arrangements foster both our climate and economic goals?*

12h30 – 13h45 – Lunch

13h45 – 15h00 SESSION 2

Placing consumers at the centre: How will more flexible markets and pricing affect consumers' needs?

Moderator: Jean-Michel Glachant (Florence School of Regulation)

Panelists:

- Frauke-Thies (Executive Director, Smart Energy Demand Coalition)
- Philip Lewis (Founder and CEO, VaasaETT)
- Patricia Suzzoni (Chair of Retail Markets Working Group, CEER)
- Monika De Volder (Senior Economic Officer, BEUC)
- Professor Tomás Gómez (Universidad Pontificia Comillas)

- Aurelie Beauvais (Solar Power Europe, Policy Director)

- Christian Buchel (Chairman EDSO EU)

- Andrea Péruzy (CEO, Acquirente Unico)

Questions:

- *How should the retail market design empower consumers and facilitate the integration of more renewables?*
- *How will energy suppliers need to change to face the challenges of the energy transition? Will consumers' needs change?*
- *How can we increase consumers' interest to benefit from time-variable electricity prices and demand response?*

15h00 – 16h15 SESSION 3

Moderator: Catharina Sikow-Magny (Head of Unit, Networks, DG ENER)

Interconnections: the view to 2030

Panelists:

- Ms Paulina Beato Blanco (Member of the Commission Expert Group on electricity interconnection targets)

- Nikos Vasilakos (EREF)

- Jochen Kreusel (Senior Vice- President at ABB)

- Pierre Bernard (CEO, Friends of the Supergrid)

- Bente Hagem (Chair of the Board, ENTSO-E)

- Janez Kopač (Director, Energy Community)

Questions:

- *What elements should be taken into account when planning and developing new interconnectors?*
- *Why should there be an interconnection target?*
- *How to facilitate the implementation of interconnectors and monitor the progress of Member States?*

16h15 – 16h30 Closing remark by TBD