

New focus for gas trading in Central and South Eastern Europe

The European Federation of Energy Traders (EFET)¹ is pleased to announce that we are expanding our activities in the developing European gas markets of Central and South Eastern Europe. We have reformed one of our regional task forces to cover a wide range of markets from Poland to Turkey (for an overview, please see the map on page 2).

The EFET Gas Committee has endorsed the new leadership and the new name of the task force – Task Force Central and South Eastern Europe Gas (TF CSEEG).

It is our pleasure to welcome Giuseppina Squicciarini, *Commercial and Regulatory Affairs Manager South & East Europe, Shell Energy Europe Ltd*, as Chair of the reformed task force.

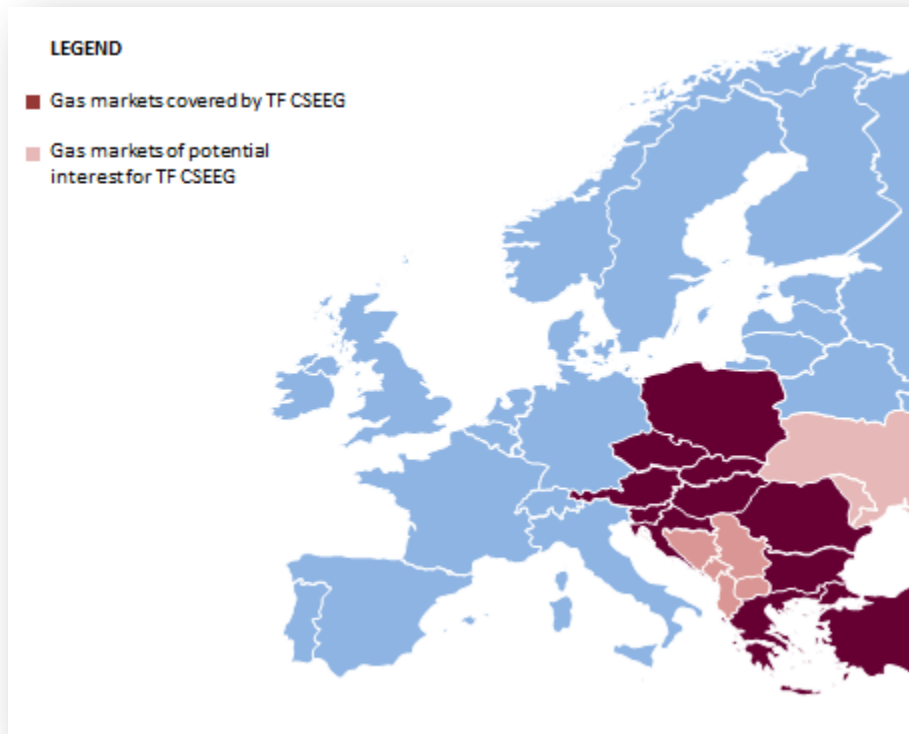
“The liberalisation of gas markets is a tremendous opportunity for Central and South Eastern Europe. The new EFET TF CSEEG will work towards bringing new focus and energy to the development of transparent and well-functioning gas markets in the region, integrated with the rest of Europe.”

Giuseppina Squicciarini, Chair of the EFET TF CSEEG

Furthermore, Sebastian Stadler, *Gas Asset Coordinator, VERBUND Trading GmbH*, has been selected by the Task Force as Vice-chair. Sebastian will also assume the role of Gas Coordinator for Austria, a joint initiative between TF CSEEG and the German Task Force Gas (GTFG) of EFET Deutschland, aiming to ensure the removal of barriers to and the harmonisation of conditions for gas trading with neighboring countries in this key market situated in the heart of Europe.

The Task Force will focus on those countries within the region that are of greatest interest to our members. However, should there be sufficient interest from market participants, our coverage could expand, particularly to include countries that are members of the Energy Community.

¹ EFET promotes and facilitates European energy trading in open, transparent, sustainable and liquid wholesale markets, unhindered by national borders or other undue obstacles. We currently represent more than 100 energy trading companies, active in over 27 European countries. For more information, visit our website at www.efet.org.



Notes for editors

EFET now has six national or regional gas task forces that work in close cooperation with the EFET Gas Committee. The Gas Committee deals with EU-wide policy issues, while the national and regional task forces take the lead on local implementation.

Task Force Central and South Eastern Europe
Task Force Italy*
Task Force France*
Task Force Netherlands/Belgium
Iberian Gas Group (Spain and Portugal)
German Task Force Gas (in EFET-Deutschland)

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