

European Federation of Energy Traders and Energy Community welcome ongoing gas market reform process in Ukraine

A joint European Federation of Energy Traders (EFET) and Energy Community workshop on the restructuring of the Ukrainian gas market took place on 15 July in Kyiv. Industry experts, policy makers and academia representatives gathered to discuss how to achieve efficient market design and enable competition and fair pricing in Ukraine.

The event marks the transition to the new legal framework for liberalisation and shows political will to this end. Ukraine is currently implementing a new gas market law, compliant with the EU's Third Energy Package. With its accession to the Energy Community, Ukraine adopted a clear reform trajectory introducing an EU model of organisation to the energy market.

“The Energy Community wants to see Ukraine – just as well as the other Contracting Parties - truly integrated into a European gas market,” said Janez Kopac, Director of Energy Community Secretariat, “we expect to see next year an unbundled TSO – Ukrtransgaz – which will implement transparent and non-discriminatory, market-friendly rules on its pipelines. We want to see new sources of gas reaching Ukraine’s market, at affordable prices, abolishment of regulating prices of domestically produced gas and a boosting of gas production, even, perhaps, for export.”

“It is an important opportunity for progress”, highlighted Doug Wood, Chairman of the EFET Gas Committee and a member of the EFET Board in his address to the Ukrainian industry stakeholders, “a number of pre-conditions are yet to be put in place and implementation details agreed on how the European *acquis* is being carried out to make a success of a proper market functioning in Ukraine. Creating equal conditions for market players and non-discriminatory access to storage and transportation of natural gas supported through a powerful component of standardization are very significant parts of the liberalisation process. Such measures help to enable more liquidity in wholesale gas trading to develop.”

Market reforms are already underway and will bring significant changes to the Ukrainian gas market, opening immense opportunities for business and customers both in Ukraine and its neighbouring countries.

About EFET:

The European Federation of Energy Traders (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.

About Energy Community:

The Energy Community is an international organisation which brings together the European Union and its neighbours to create an integrated pan-European energy market. As of October 2013, the organisation has nine members: the European Union and eight Contracting Parties - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Ukraine. The key modus operandi of the Energy Community is to extend the EU internal energy market rules and principles to countries in South East Europe, the Black Sea region and beyond on the basis of a legally binding framework.

For further information, please contact:

Irina Nikolova, EFET Communication Coordinator
E-mail: I.Nikolova@efet.org, Tel: +32 (0) 2 737 11 02

Barbora Jaksova, Communication Officer
E-mail: barbora.jaksova@energy-community.org, Tel: +43 (0)1 535 2222-15