

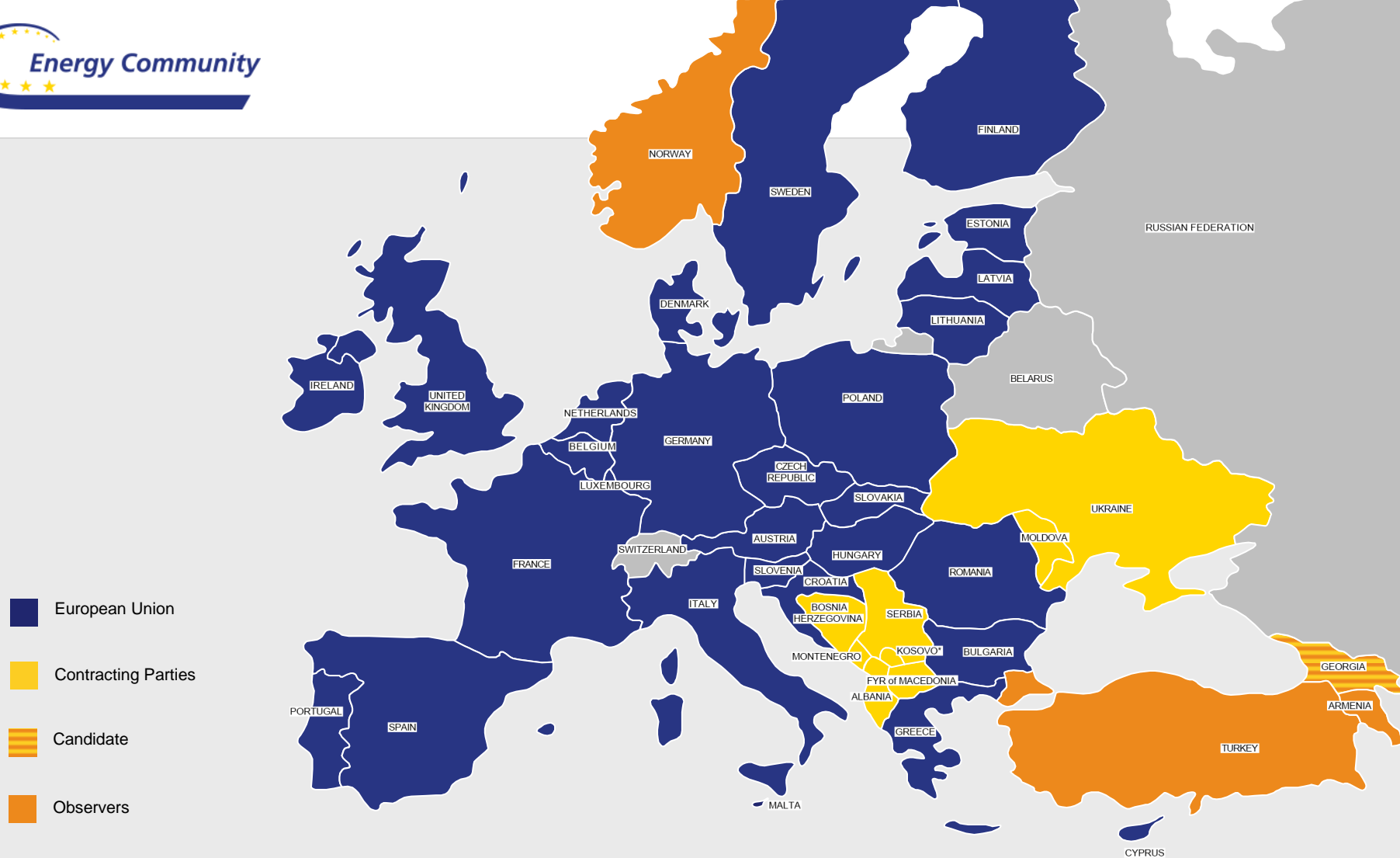


Introducing the Energy Community

Study Visit of Turkish Delegation

Vienna, 25 January 2016

- **An international organization established by Energy Community Treaty signed in October 2005 and entered into force in July 2006**
- **Extend the EU internal energy market to South East Europe and beyond (export of EU laws and principles & physical connections)**
- **Culmination of the Athens Process to create a regional electricity market in South East Europe**
- **Foster cooperation and integration in the region to spur economic growth, stability and investment**
- **Improve security of supply**
- **Preparation for EU membership & foreign policy tool**
- **Budget EUR 3.5 million**



MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

→ *Political and legislative decisions*

PERMANENT HIGH LEVEL GROUP

→ *Prepares Ministerial Council*

REGULATORY BOARD (ECRB)

→ *Advisory body*

SECRETARIAT

→ *Support, Monitoring, Enforcement*

**ELECTRICITY
FORUM**

**GAS
FORUM**

**OIL
FORUM**

→ *Advisory bodies*



Working groups, Task forces

The common legal framework – EnC acquis



- ▶ **Treaty consists of approx. 20 principle EU energy laws**
- ▶ **Adoption process: Law adopted in EU → Law proposed by European Commission for adoption in the Energy Community → Law (adjusted) adopted by Ministerial Council (QMV) → transposition into national legislation of Contracting Parties**
- ▶ **Third Energy Package for electricity and gas – liberalisation, regulators, consumers**
- ▶ **Trans-European Energy Infrastructure Regulation**
- ▶ **Renewables - Renewable Energy Directive – binding targets for RES in electricity, heating & cooling, transport**
- ▶ **Competition (some provisions of the EU Treaty) - Antitrust and state aid**

Environment

- ▶ **Environmental Impact Assessment Directive**
- ▶ **Sulphur in Fuels Directive - maximum sulphur content for heavy fuel oil and gas oil**
- ▶ **Large Combustion Plants Directive – maximum emission limits for sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and dust**
- ▶ **Industrial Emissions Directive**

Energy efficiency

- ▶ **Energy Services Directive - Indicative energy savings target of 9% and National Energy Efficiency Action Plans**
- ▶ **Energy Labeling Directive (+ technical regulations) - labelling and consumer information on energy consumption for energy-related products**
- ▶ **Energy Performance in Buildings Directive - minimum energy performance requirements for new and existing buildings**
- ▶ **Energy Efficiency Directive**

Oil - Directive on maintaining minimum stocks of crude oil and/or petroleum products

Statistics

- ▶ **Regulation on implementation of updates for monthly and annual energy statistics**
- ▶ **Directive on improving the transparency of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users**

DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURE

- ▶ ***A Party to the Treaty, the Regulatory Board and the Secretariat may initiate a case of non-compliance***

3-stage procedure

- ▶ ***Opening Letter*** – Secretariat requests national governments to comment on non-compliance problem within 2 months
- ▶ ***Reasoned Opinion*** - No reply? Unsatisfactory reply? Secretariat states reasons why it believes there is a breach of Energy Community law and requests compliance within 2 months
- ▶ ***Reasoned Request*** – Secretariat refers case to PHLG (hears both parties to dispute + takes into account (non-binding) opinion of Advisory Committee) → Ministerial Council for decision
- ▶ Currently approx. 20 cases open
- ▶ **No Court of Justice!**

The background is a satellite-style image of the Earth at night, showing city lights. Overlaid on this are numerous glowing blue lines that represent energy transmission or a network, curving across the globe.

*Thank you
for your attention!*

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