

Stakeholder engagement strategy

In view of legislative measures to be adopted in the field of electricity market design in Q3 2016

General consultation tools

The Florence Forum: The Electricity Regulatory Forum (Florence Forum) was initially set up to discuss the creation of the internal electricity market. Participants typically include national regulatory authorities, Member State governments, the European Commission, TSOs, electricity traders, consumers, network users, and power exchanges.

This year, it will take place on **4-5th June 2015**. The agenda foresees to cover all aspects of the electricity market design initiative in order to trigger fruitful discussions and gather stakeholder views through presentations and oral exchanges.

The Consultative Communication (8th July 2015): The consultative communication will be adopted beginning of July 2015. This communication shall contain specific questions on the various areas that the electricity market design initiatives aims to cover. It will be open to responses by all stakeholders (Member States, NRAs, consumers, industrial players, energy actors etc). Responses will be gathered during at least 20 weeks.

ACER's Annual Conference: ACER, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators, is organising its 4th annual conference on **9th July 2015** focusing on how to achieve "An Energy Union for Consumers". This year the conference will aim at identifying the benefits that the Energy Union strategy will be able to deliver to EU energy consumers. Both Vice-President Šefčovič and Commissioner Arias Cañete will be present. The conference will therefore focus inter alia on the consumer aspects of the electricity market design initiative and allow to gather views as regards the consumers issues raised.

Large stakeholder conference: Such a conference would be organised in **September 2015** in Brussels, gathering around 200 participants. It would be a full-day conference, with panel discussions and round-tables and would allow to collect feedback/input for the public consultation launched by the Consultative Communication.

Target groups

Member States: Member States will have the possibility to reply to the questions put forward in the consultative communication. They will also be directly consulted through the Electricity Coordination Group, which is an informal permanent expert group comprising Member States experts.

One meeting is foreseen beginning of July, just after the adoption of the Consultative Communication. This would constitute an opportunity for the Commission to present its Communication and to collect initial reactions. It would also enable to raise awareness among Member States on the issues raised in the Communication.

At least two other meetings of the group are foreseen to be scheduled between September 2015 and March 2016.

National regulatory authorities: National regulatory authorities will be consulted through meetings of the Board of Regulators of ACER, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators. The Board of Regulators (BoR) consists of senior representatives of the national regulatory authorities.

The BoR 2015 meets every month. Consultations could be take place in autumn 2015 and spring 2016.

Market players: the Magritte Group¹, Eurelectric - the association representing the interests of the electricity industry at pan-European level and ENTSO-E, the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity will be consulted.

Consumer groups: BEUC, the European Consumer Organisation will be consulted.

The Citizen's Energy Forum taking place annually in London (typically in March) will allow to gather large feedback on possible legislative measures to empower consumers in the field of Energy. The London Forum of March 2016

Existing Working Groups such as one on vulnerable consumers will be convened in autumn 2015 and Spring 2016.

Workshops

DG ENER will organise targeted workshops with selected experts in order to deepen our knowledge on more precise issues to be dealt with.

We will invite external experts to share their views and expertise with us on several identified technical issues such as: capacity remuneration mechanisms and demand response.

These workshops will be organised in autumn 2015.

¹ The Magritte Group gathers the CEOs of 10 utilities companies, which together own half of Europe's electricity generating capacity, including France's GDF Suez, EON and RWE from Germany, Iberdrola and Gas Natural Fenosa from Spain, ENEL and ENI of Italy, GasTerra of the Netherlands, Sweden's Vattenfall, Czech utility CEZ, Austria's OMV and Finland's Fortum.