



Strategic considerations in building a cleaner regional energy portfolio

Advancing EU Energy Objectives in East Central Europe

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1. The need for diversification and the EU Road Map 2050

- Key messages from the EU Road Map 2050 : useful guidelines for stakeholders
- To reach 80% to 95% reduction in carbon emissions will require all technologies
- Lower cost solutions implies maintaining a diversified portfolio BUT transition anyway
- Question: How to put it in a policy and regulatory framework?
- At EU, regional, national and or local level?



2. The need to rethink governance of energy issues in the EU : further cooperation

- EU energy policy at crossroad : huge achievements since 2005
- BUT fragmentation, lack of integration, national focus, post-fukushima is independence vs interdependence
- Golden triangle: Competition, cooperation and solidarity
- The missing link is cooperation
- Cooperation is crucial for regulation & planification, infrastructures, financing, external dimension, etc.
- EU 27 common approach is insufficient/inadequate (a minima)
- The necessary common framework must support differentiation



3. The need for differentiation within the EU

- Advantages from the East Central Europe region
- Differentiation is for the best, not the worst
- Do not split the west against the east
- Existing Regional initiatives for completing the internal market are not enough : adhoc, volunteer, and do not match with the reality of the market (growing faster)
- Infrastructure package : regional priority projects and regional groups to advice the Commission (but lack of power – take note of missing the 3 years deadline)
- How to link it to the common EU framework of 27 MS ?

4. The need for structural regional cooperation in East Central Europe

- Infrastructures as the basis
- Step by step: additional layers of cooperation
- Financial instruments for innovation and deployment of new techno
- Collective strength to buy gas
- East Central Europe Civil Society Energy Forum
- Regional energy objectives for 2030, 2040 and 2050



4bis. European Regional Energy Networks

- Coordinated regulation of trans-border exchanges of elec & gas
- Cooperation on investments, standards, routes and interconnections
- Cooperation access, transit and transportation to and through energy networks
- External relations in respect of network operations
- Providing financial support (loans and subsidies) and coordination of European funding, possibly on the basis of network funds that will be financed by means of regional levies, and used to promote investment in the relevant regional market
- Coordination and supervision of common projects on R&D in grid related activities
- Further coordination of national regulators
- Institutional design
- Formal coordination with EU institutions
- National competence would not be undermined given that ownership of networks would remain a national matter
- Potential creation of regional executive energy agencies



5. Proposal for a European Energy Community

- Support from Central and Eastern Europe: J. Buzek, energy companies, countries, EU polls,
- Build a coalition of the willing: need political will above all and concrete cooperation on the ground i.e. stakeholders
- Building blocks towards a European Energy Community for the 2050 energy transition

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