

Ljubljana, 20th April 2011

Dear Members of the Board,

I follow up on the letter from the European Commission, dated 18th April, inviting NRAs to elaborate, under the coordination of the regional lead regulators, a “European Energy Work Plan” for the period 2011-2014. This Work Plan shall identify each step required to achieve a Pan-European Energy Market by 2014 and clarify the expected contribution of each region in this process.

ACER is tasked with assisting and coordinating NRAs activities at EU level and is required to promote cooperation among NRAs at regional and EU level and to provide a framework for such cooperation.

ACER is therefore ready to support and coordinate NRAs and lead regulators in the development of this Work Plan. We believe that, wherever possible, the European Energy Work Plan, both for electricity and gas, should put emphasis on projects with a strong Pan-European dimension and favour a project-oriented approach on top of the traditional regional layer. For each identified Pan-European project, the designation of a project lead regulator could facilitate the process. The main task and responsibilities assigned to the project lead regulators would be:

- to ensure effective implementation of the agreed roadmap;
- to promote the involvement of Member States, whenever appropriate;
- to anticipate any complexity and, to the extent possible, handle it in the most effective way;
and
- to transparently report progress and obstacles.

In the case of the electricity sector, as you might know, ACER has recently established an Agency Electricity Stakeholders Advisory Group (AESAG), as a continuation of and with a very similar format to AHAG. The immediate objective of AESAG is to define a proposed “roadmap” for the implementation of capacity allocation and congestion management methods to support the completion of the internal electricity market. It is our intention to present this proposed roadmap at the next Florence Forum. Therefore, we would like to encourage you to participate in AESAG in order to ensure that the roadmap proposal developed there will be consistent with and could represent an important contribution to the European Energy Work Plan.

ACER will organise preparatory meetings, both in gas and electricity, in May and June, to support NRAs in the process of developing the European Energy Work Plan and to define the expected contribution of each region in this process. A meeting is already scheduled for 16 May for electricity.

We are also planning to conclude this preparatory work with a workshop to be held in Ljubljana on 22 June from 12.30 to 17.00 to finalise the European Energy Work Plan and designate the different project lead regulators.

Thank you for your attention. My colleagues and I are looking forward to cooperating with you towards the completion of the internal energy market.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alberto Pototschnig'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Alberto Pototschnig