

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

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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