

DECISION AB n°15 /2014

**OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
OF THE AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS**

of 18 December 2014

on the internal language regime of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS,

HAVING REGARD to Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing an Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators¹, and, in particular, Article 33(1) thereof,

HAVING REGARD to Regulation (EEC) No 1 determining the languages to be used by the European Economic Community², and, in particular, Article 6 thereof,

WHEREAS:

- (1) Whilst maintaining its obligations towards Member States or persons subject to the jurisdiction of a Member State under Regulation (EEC) No 1, it is necessary for the Agency to ensure an efficient functioning of its daily operational activities, taking into account its available financial and human resources.
- (2) The choice of the language to be used for internal communications is the responsibility of EU institutions and bodies, which are entitled to impose that choice on their employees and those seeking that status.
- (3) EU institutions and bodies are granted a degree of operational autonomy on the choice of the internal language regime, provided the choice objectively meets the functional needs of the body concerned and does not give rise to unjustified differences of treatment as between Union citizens.
- (4) The choice for the internal language regime needs to be adequately reflected in the Agency's recruitment process, allowing the Selection Committees to evaluate the candidates' ability to be immediately operational in an environment that closely matches the reality.
- (5) English is a language that is customary in the energy fora and predominantly used by the main stakeholders operating at the European level for public consultations, meetings or the publication of technical, legal or policy documents,

¹ OJ L211, 14.8.2009, p.1

² OJ L17, 6.10.1958, p. 385

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Working language of the Agency and its support structures

The working language of the Agency shall be English.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Ljubljana on 18 December 2014.

For the Administrative Board:

SIGNED

Razvan Eugen Nicolescu
Chairman of the Administrative Board