

ACER Annual Conference 2013 analyses the progress of the EU single energy market

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During ACER Annual Conference 2013 held today in Ljubljana (Slovenia), ACER Director Alberto Pototschnig stressed that “the objectives of the EU energy policy, including the completion of the internal market by 2014, can only be achieved with a concerted and constructive effort of all relevant parties”. The EU Commissioner for Energy, Günther Oettinger, during his intervention highlighted some of the achievements reached so far thanks to that collaboration: “The first EU-wide Network Code, on allocation of transport capacity in gas pipelines, recently adopted by the Gas Committee, and many more of the most important codes, also in electricity, are in their final stages of preparation” he said. Our ability to make so much progress on network codes in such a short period of time is thanks to ACER, to the ENTSOs, and the input of all stakeholders involved”.

"Energy Markets: 2014 and Beyond" was the main theme of the 2nd Annual Conference of the EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER). The event, gathered key representatives from the EU institutions, energy sector stakeholders and market players. The Conference focused on what still needs to be achieved to meet the 2014 energy market integration goal set by the EU Council in 2011, for the benefit of European energy consumers and citizens, and the challenges awaiting the energy sector farther ahead.

The opening of the Conference by ACER Director was followed by the intervention of the Slovenian Minister responsible for Energy, Samo Omerzel, who welcomed participants to Slovenia on behalf of ACER host country. Furthermore, the Member of the European Parliament, Romana Jordan stressed the support of the European Parliament to the work of ACER. The opening was concluded by the Irish Ambassador to Slovenia, H.E. Kieran Dowling who illustrated the energy priorities of the Irish Presidency of the European Union. The panels and roundtables were moderated by Lord Mogg, Chair of ACER Board of Regulators; Mr Piotr Wozniak, Chair of ACER Administrative Board; and Prof. Pippo Ranci, Chair of ACER Board of Appeal.

ACER background information

As an EU Agency, ACER fosters cooperation among European energy regulators to promote energy market integration and harmonisation of regulatory frameworks across the European Union, to deliver:

- A more competitive, integrated market which offers consumers more choice;
- An efficient energy infrastructure guaranteeing the free movement of energy across borders and the transportation of new energy sources, thus enhancing security of supply for EU businesses and consumers;
- Integrity and transparency in energy market guaranteeing fair and cost-reflective prices for consumers, as well as deterrence of abusive practices.

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