New Frontiers in Governance: Implementing Efficient Policies in Europe

A Regulator’s View of the European Energy Policy

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Implementing Effectively

We have come a long way since Europe set out to create an Internal Energy Market in liberalising and connecting European markets.

Third Energy Package launches:
- A regulatory framework to enable cross-border trade
- “A network of networks”

Regulators central to creating the cross-border framework:
- Elaborating technical rules [e.g. Network Codes]
- Early implementation efforts [e.g. Market Coupling]

Regulators also play an increasingly important role due to REMIT and the Infrastructure Package.

Nevertheless, a lot remains to be done…
Key Challenges Ahead

Energy Union Communication identifies key challenges and provides a comprehensive ‘action plan’

Some parts of the Communication are similar to our thinking, as set out in the ACER/CEER Bridge to 2025, including the need to:

• Fully implement the Third Energy Package
• Promote more coordinated approaches to system adequacy and facilitate flexibility
• Improve cooperation between retail and wholesale markets
• Protect and empower consumers
• ACER to have information gathering and enforcement powers to undertake its monitoring responsibilities

And Governance has been identified as a key area...
New Frontiers in Governance

Governance of European bodies:

• Need to strengthen consumers’ and other stakeholders’ involvement

• Provide ACER with more decision making powers

• Regulatory oversight of ENTSOs, NEMOs

Governance beyond the EU borders:

• Involvement of non-EU NRAs in ACER if they adopt acquis (EEA, Energy Community)

• EU regulators to provide training to third countries