



## Energy Community Parliamentary Plenum

**Venue:** European Parliament, 60 rue Wiertz, Brussels

**Date:** 16 April 2026

**Time:** 09:30 – 11:30

### 1. Opening Remarks

- Welcome by Mr. Borys Budka, Chair, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, European Parliament
- Statement by Mr. Dan Jørgensen, EU Commissioner for Energy and Housing
- Statement by Ms. Rozeta Hajdari, Chairperson of the Economy, Industry, Entrepreneurship, Trade and Innovation Committee of the Parliament of Kosovo\*
- Statement by Mr. Artur Lorkowski, Director, Energy Community Secretariat

### 2. Accelerated integration of the Energy Community into EU's electricity and gas markets

Accelerated integration of the Energy Community into the EU's electricity and gas markets requires full alignment with EU legislation, and coordinated cross-border system operation. Progress on the transposition of the Electricity Integration Package and its verified compliance by the European Commission enable electricity market coupling of Contracting Parties with the EU even prior to accession, strengthening competitiveness, affordability and mitigating the impact of CBAM.

Integration in the gas sector further depends on the application of the EU's Fourth Gas Package at borders, reinforced infrastructure interconnections, compliance with gas storage obligations, and alignment with methane standards. Preparing for hydrogen and renewable gases will ensure long-term system stability, security of supply, and a sustainable energy transition across the region.

This discussion is particularly relevant for parliamentarians, whose legislative and oversight roles are essential to ensure timely transposition of EU-aligned legislation, effective implementation, and sustained political commitment to accelerated integration.

\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.



## 3. Phasing out Russian gas and oil supplies

Phasing out Russian gas and oil supplies, in line with the REPowerEU roadmap, introduces clear deadlines for ending short-term and long-term gas import contracts and requires national diversification plans to support the transition. Although the Regulation currently applies within the EU, its direct and indirect effects will extend to the Energy Community Contracting Parties, including through shifts in gas flows, supply routes, and infrastructure utilisation.

Careful assessment of these impacts is essential, as evolving supply patterns will influence security of supply, affordability, and market stability across the region. Ensuring that EU–Energy Community gas market integration progresses in parallel with secure, accessible, and diversified energy supplies remains a key priority.

This discussion is particularly relevant for parliamentarians, whose legislative and oversight responsibilities are critical to advancing diversification strategies, strengthening national resilience, and ensuring alignment with evolving EU energy policies while maintaining a balanced approach between security, affordability, and integration.

## 4. Closing remarks by Mr. Lorkowski, Ms. Hajdari and Mr. Budka