

THE JOINT MEETING BETWEEN ALBANIA – KOSOVO ELECTRICITY MARKET INTEGRATION

The Energy Regulatory Authority (ERE) was welcomed, *on 27 December 2022*, from the Energy Regulatory Office of Kosovo (ZRRE), at Hotel “*Four Points by Sheraton*” in Pristina, in a joint meeting to review the Rules and Procedures of the Albanian Power Exchange (ALPEX) and their approval.

During his speech, ERE Chairman Mr. Petrit Ahmeti called this meeting a great news to follow the cooperation between the two regulatory authorities with the faith that such meetings with common subject shall serve to increase the cooperation and following the challenges that both regulatory authorities shall meet for the successful operation of this market.

The approval of these rules leads to the effectiveness of the trading platform that is a great step forward for the establishment of the regional power market in Western Balkans. From its efficiency shall benefit the Albanian and Kosovo customers but even the whole region as part of joint incentives. On such period of increased challenges of the power sector, we are satisfied with ALPEX progress and we shall thank our homologues from Albania for their contribution and support “mentioned during his speech Mr. Ymer Fejzullahu, the Board Chairman of ZRRE Directors.



ERE Board with Decision dated 27.10.2022, lead the way for this implementation as it decided “To open the procedure for the review of the request of ALPEX company, and TSO company, on approving the Electricity Market Rules” that lead to consultative joint sessions with the stakeholders in this process where there were discussed these rules and the opinions or suggestions of the parties regarding them.

The finalization of this process was preceded with the memorandum of cooperation between the transmission system operators TSO and KOSTT, the regulatory authorities ERE and ZRRE for the day ahead electricity market coupling. In line with the Memorandum of

Understanding of the WB6 dated 21 October 2021, it was signed another framework agreement between TSO and KOSTT, ERE and ZRRE for the day ahead and intraday market coupling. Albania and Kosovo signed the Framework Agreement as well as other successful agreements for day ahead and intraday market operation.

The governments of Albania and Kosovo are the signatory parties of Energy Community Treaty



and are committed for the establishment and operation of a competitive and transparent electricity market, so the market models of both countries provided that through ALPEX to be implemented the Targeted European Market Model. Initially the day ahead and intraday market is provided to be established in two bidding areas in Albania and Kosovo aiming on the future projects for the coupling with other potential markets.

ALPEX shall initiate with the operation of day ahead market in Albania, and then within a two months period shall operate the coupling of this market with the market of Kosovo. Meanwhile it is provided that on the next month's ALPEX shall initiate the training of the traders for the trading in the market and shall initiate the Dry Run process during which shall be observed the approach for the operation of this market and the acknowledgement of the parties with the processes of trading the products on this exchange.

The role of the regulators of both countries shall be the observation of this process and its successful finalization to comply with the obligations undertaken from Albania in the framework of Energy Community Treaty. This process is supported by USAID, a strategic partner of both regulatory authorities ERE and ZRRE.