



5th EU-India workshop series on Energy Regulation

Current EU-India climate and energy relations are guided by the EU-India Clean Energy and Climate Partnership (CECP – www.cecp-eu.in), that was agreed at the EU-India Summit on 30 March 2016 with the aim of reinforcing cooperation to reinforce cooperation between the EU and India on clean energy and climate action with a view to ensure a secure, clean, affordable and reliable energy supply for all and to progress in the implementation of the Paris Agreement. This partnership was reconfirmed in the joint statement at the EU-India Summit in October 2017 and in July 2020.

As part of the annual EU-India policy dialogues, EU-India Clean Energy and Climate Partnership in collaboration with the Florence School of Regulation (FSR) will host a series of online webinars to discuss topics pertinent to the India power sector. The webinar series will bring together experts from the EU and Indian side and will draw upon learnings from EU's Clean Energy Package, EU's Interconnection targets, EU's ten year network development plan, etc.

This webinar series is supported by the Ministry of Power (MoP), Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) and Power System Operation Corporation (POSOCO).

Introduction

To enable the renewable transition of the India power sector and meet its Paris agreement commitments, India has taken several enabling regulatory and policy steps. Three such key steps have been introduction of competition, encouraging regional trade and greater push for distributed energy resources.

Since 2003, India has gradually introduced competition with regulatory oversight in different parts of the energy sector value chain. This has subsequently led to the development of competitive wholesale markets for electricity. Furthermore, in the context of competition, India and its neighbours in South-Asia and South-East Asia can gain from encouraging further developing regional markets for electricity and gas as well as consequently building the necessary infrastructure for supporting this regional markets. The government of India's goal of 40 GW of rooftop solar by 2022 highlights the push for generation green distributed energy resources and an expansion of the role of the consumer in the near future.

The 5th EU-India workshop series will take place from April - July, 2021. The format of the online events would be structured as online debates wherein FSR will moderate and host the events with 3-4 panel discussants. The kick-off session of the [webinar series was conducted at the India Smart Utility Week, 2021](#), following which, 6 online debates will be organised starting mid-April. The topics identified for the six sessions are:

1. Electricity Trade – what does the future hold? (14.00-16.00 IST/10.30-12.30 CET, **April 30, 2021**)
2. Distributed energy resources– which regulatory frameworks and reforms can enhance their role in India's renewable transition? (14.00-15.30 IST/10.30-12.00 CET, **May 21, 2021**)
3. What is the future of renewable support mechanisms in India? (14.00- 15.30 IST/10.30-12.00 CET, **June 4, 2021**)
4. How can ancillary services be procured more efficiently? (14.00- 15.30 IST/10.30-12.00 CET, **June 18, 2021**)
5. Retail electricity competition: what can it bring to India's ambitious renewable energy transition? (14.00-15.30 IST/10.30-12.00 CET, **July 2, 2021**)
6. Electricity Trade beyond borders– what is the scope for India? (14.00- 15.30 IST/10.30-12.00 CET, **July 16, 2021**)



Agenda

Online Debate 1: Electricity Trade – what does the future hold?

April 30, 2021

CEST	IST	Introductory Session	
10:30 – 10:35	14.00 – 14:05	Welcome address by the host	Jean-Michel Glachant Director Florence School of Regulation
10:35 – 10:40	14.05 – 14:10	Keynote Address –EU	Florian Ermacora Head of Unit DG ENER, European Commission
10:40 – 10:45	14:10 – 14:15	Keynote address – India	Alok Kumar (TBC) Secretary, Ministry of Power
10:45 – 10:50	14:15 – 14:20	Welcome address – India	P. K. Pujari Chairman Central Electricity Regulatory Authority (CERC)
10:50 – 10:55	14:20 – 14:25	Welcome address – India	K.V.S Baba Chairman & Managing Director Power System Operation Corporation Limited (POSOCO)
CEST	IST	Discussion Session	
10:55 – 11:00	14:25 – 14:30	Introduction to the session	Swetha RaviKumar Bhagwat, Head of FSR Global Florence School of Regulation
11:00 – 12:00	14:30 – 15:30	Panel Discussion Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alberto Pototschnig, Deputy Director, Florence School of Regulation - Arnold Weiss. Senior Regulatory Manager, EPEX SPOT - Rajesh Mediratta, Director Strategy & Regulatory, IEX - Dr. Rajib K. Mishra, Director Business Development & Marketing, PTC India 	Moderated by Pradyumna Bhagwat, FSR Global Advisor Florence School of Regulation
12:00 – 12.25	15:30 – 15.55	Q&A with audience	
12.25 – 12.30	15.55 – 16.00	Closing remarks	Matthieu Craye, International Relations Officer, DG ENER, European Commission