

# **EUROPEAN MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

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## **CENTER FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** October 8, 2021

**Time:** 14:00 CET

**Location:** virtual/zoom

**Moderator:** Nino Bukhnikashvili

### **In Attendance**

Center Members:

1. Maia Melikidze, Director of the Center
2. Nino Bukhnikashvili, Deputy Director of the Center
3. Levan Zakareishvili, Member of the Center,
4. Garik Teymurazyan, Member of the Center

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome and introduction of the aims/objectives of Center for Renewable Energy
2. Discussion of the future plans/actions of the center
3. Any other businesses

### **Summary**

#### **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The purpose of the meeting was introduction of the members as well as the aim of the center and discussion of further activities.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda, as proposed in the draft, was adopted unanimously.

***Item 1. 1. Welcome and introduction of the aims/objectives of the Center for Renewable Energy, Maia Melikidze***

Ms. Maia Melikidze, Director of the Center opened the meeting and introduced members of the Center: Ms. Nino Bukhnikashvili, who is currently working for the International Relations' Department of Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission and who is the Deputy Director of the Center, Mr. Levan Zakareishvili, Member of the Center who is also working for the Electricity Department of the Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission and Mr. Garik Teymurazyan who is a student at the Business and Technology University and who has carried out a number of researches on the topic of renewable energies. Ms. Melikidze also mentioned that few hours ago before the meeting EUMMAS office informed her that a new member has been added to the Center, Professor Casen Panaitescu from Romania. The information about the current meeting and respective invitation was immediately sent to him, however she assumed that Professor Panaitescu could not join due to the last minute notification and expressed hope that he would be involved in future activities of the center and share his knowledge and experience.

***Item 2. 2. Discussion of the future plans/actions of the center***

Ms. Nino Bukhnikashvili introduced the aim of the center and discussed the future plans. As a first activity of the center she proposed to hold the online workshop regarding Renewable Energies where main topics would include requirements of the clean energy package, role of the regulator in promotion of renewable energies as well as challenges of the Transmission System Operators for connecting renewable energies to the grid. She opened the topic for discussion and proposals.

Mr. Teymurazyan mentioned that challenges related to the reaching RES targets, as well as negative effects of RES would be also interesting. He mentioned that according to recent news EU had some issues with regards to installed capacities as the renewable generation couldn't meet the demand therefore it is also vital to discuss renewable energy issue from that perspective.

Ms. Melikidze agreed with the proposal of Mr. Teymurazyan and suggested to have a panel discussion over the issue during the workshop.

Mr. Zakaerishvili mentioned that promotion of renewables in terms of ensuring energy security and independence of the country, as well as renewable energies as the competitive product to oil and gas would be also of interest.

Members agreed to start working on the Agenda of the workshop and start search of the speakers using their networks who would contribute to the workshop. As for the timing of the workshop, it was agreed to adjust the date to the schedule of the majority of speakers but presumably first half of December 2021 or February, 2022.

***Item 3. Any Other Businesses***

Members of the center exchanged the views regarding Clean Energy Package and its importance for the EU.

Members of the Center expressed their readiness to be flexible with regards to means of communication and share their contact details.

Ms. Melikidze asked to share the minutes of the meeting with Mr. Panaitescu.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements

**Next Meeting**

Next Meeting of the Center Members will be agreed on a case-by-case basis.

**The meeting ended at 14:45 PM (CET)**

*Maia Melikidze*  
*Director*