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PARTICIPANTS

The Project involved top management level from both authorities, being designed by the Director General of the Estonian Competition Authority, Mr Märt Ots and by the Commissioner of the Irish Commission for the Regulation of Utilities, Mr Garrett Blaney.

Mr Ots was first appointed as a Director General of the Estonian Competition Authority in 2008 and was re-appointed for another 5-year period in 2017.

Mr Blaney has acted as a Chairperson from February 2014 to February 2017. His lead responsibilities with the Commission relate to Electricity Networks, Wholesale, Generation, International Relations.

The Delegation of the Estonian Competition Authority included senior and top level experts of the Regulatory Division:

Ms Külli Haab – Head of Regulatory Division-Deputy Director General

Mr Margus Kasepalu – Head of Postal and Energy Regulatory Department

Ms Marilyn Tilkson – Expert

Mr Marek Piiraja – Head of Legal Department

Ms Aurelie Grenman – Senior Analyst

The delegation also included Ms Maarja Uulits, Head of External and Public Relations, who coordinated the project.

All the members of the delegation have a significant experience in the field of regulation and were able to contribute to the discussions on a high level.

AGENDA

Tuesday, 30 October

(The Exchange, Belgard Square North, Tallaght, Dublin 24, (next to the main gate of Tallaght Hospital))

10.00 – 16.00 Bilateral meeting between Irish and Estonian regulators

Introduction (Aoife MacEvilly & Garrett Blaney, Märt Ots)

Price Regulation

Retail

Electricity Networks

Gas Networks

Water sector

Integration of Renewables

European cooperation (CEER, ACER, ERRA)

Smart metering

Wednesday, 31 October

(EirGrid Head Office – Ballsbridge)

09.00 – 15.15 Visiting key utilities/system operators

Topics of discussion:

General overview of Irish power system. Generation sources, system adequacy, regional co-operation. Overview of the power market.

Issues related to the capacity market. Is there a need for regulated capacity market, market monitoring and capacity tendering

Integration of renewable energy sources

Overview of tariff regulation model. The type and level of regulation from company's perspective.

Incentives used to reach the cost efficiency target

Regulation of investments. Incentive schemes used to reach the investment efficiency.

The regulator's and TSO's roles in achieving the investment efficiency.

9.00-9.15	Welcome (Mark Foley – EirGrid Chief Executive)
9.15-10.00	Commission for Regulation for Utilities (Garret Blaney)
10.00-10.45	EirGrid Group (Rosemary Steen plus Regulation)
10.45-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-11.45	ESB (Déaglan Ó Dónaill Corporate Regulation Manager – d eaglan.odonaill@esb.ie)
11.45-12.30	Gas Networks Ireland (Claire Madden - Head of Legal & Regulatory Affairs)
13.45-14.30	Electricity Association of Ireland (Dara Lynott and Stephen Douglas)
14.30-15.15	Irish Business and Employers Confederation (IBEC) (Neil Walker/Conor Minogue)

Thursday, 1 November

(CCPC: Bloom House; Railway Street; Dublin 1)

10.00 – 13.00 Meeting between the Irish Competition and Consumer Protection Commission and the Estonian Competition Authority

Topics of discussion

Cooperation between energy regulators and competition authorities.

The different models and advantages thereof of Ireland (integrated authority for consumer protection and competition) and Estonia (integrated authority of energy regulator and competition).

The role of consumer protection and competition authorities and energy regulators in the framework of draft green energy packages.

The types of consumer and competition issues the Estonian Competition Authority deal with.

How the Estonian Competition Authority prioritise their work.

How the Estonian Competition Authority manage risks in their agency

Photo:

Mr Garret Blaney (CRU) and Mr Märt Ots (ECA) at the meeting with the EirGrid- Irish TSO)

