

ELECTRICITY MARKET INTEGRATION FORUM 2026



Date: Wednesday, 13 May 2026

Time: 15.00 - 18.00 (CEST)

Venue: European Parliament, Brussels, Room: Spinelli A3E2

Are Market Coupling and CBAM on a Collision Course?

Only two years ago, optimistic and ambitious projections from the Energy Community envisaged electricity market coupling being achieved by the end of 2026. Today, it is increasingly clear that these expectations will not be met, with no Contracting Party currently having a confirmed timeline for accession to the single European electricity market.

Meanwhile, the Market Coupling Integration Plan - intended as the cornerstone framework for integration - has yet to be adopted. At the same time, Contracting Parties face additional pressures, most notably the introduction of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). Early signals already point to tangible market impacts, including reduced liquidity, changing price patterns and growing caution towards new green investments.

The European institutions are monitoring these developments and considering responses, while continuing to highlight delays in the implementation of key integration requirements, including at the level of the Contracting Parties. At the same time, the Contracting Parties point to a lack of clear and consistent strategic guidance from the European side.

Against this backdrop, the original vision of full integration into the single European electricity market is gradually giving way to a more incremental, “border-by-border” approach. This raises a fundamental question: whether such fragmented solutions can deliver faster and more effective integration - or risk entrenching a permanently partial market structure.

These and other questions will be explored at **EMIF 2026 on 13 May at 15:00 at the European Parliament** in Brussels.

14:30 - 15:00 **Registration**

15:00 - 15:05 **Welcome note**
Matej Tonin, Member of European Parliament

15:05 - 16:00
Panel 1

Panel discussion: *From Vision to Reality:
Why Market Coupling Is Falling Behind*

- Matej Tonin, Member of the European Parliament
- Tsvetlina Penkova, Member of the European Parliament
- Artur Lorkowski, Director, Energy Community Secretariat
- András Hujber, Deputy Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission
- Violeta Nikolova, Special Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Energy, Mining and Mineral Resources, North Macedonia
- Mark Copley, CEO, Energy Traders Europe

Moderator:

- Christian Baer, Secretary General, Europex
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16:00 - 16:30 **Q&A session**

16:30 - 16:35 **Transition and prelude to second panel**
Romana Tomc, Member of European Parliament

16:35 - 17:30
Panel 2

Panel discussion: *Making Market Coupling Work with CBAM:
Challenges, Solutions and Compromises*

- Romana Tomc, Member of the European Parliament
- Adam Jarubas, Member of the European Parliament
- Rafael Gómez-Elvira González, Chairman of All NEMO Committee
- Andre Estermann, TSO Chairman European Market Coupling (MCSC)
- Sokol Dishnica, CEO, Albanian Power Exchange
- Zoran Gjorgjievski, CEO, National Electricity Market Operator of North Macedonia
- Dejan Drašković, CEO, Montenegrin Power Exchange

Moderator:

- Anže Predovnik, Chairman of the Management Board, ADEX
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17:30 - 18:00 **Q&A session**
