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ABSTRACT

SESSA consists in creating and managing a scientific energy technology regulation forum. It aims at contributing to an economically feasible, socially acceptable and environmentally friendly electricity policy in the EU. SESSA involves high-level decision-makers.

Committed contributors to the forum (37 in total) include 7 regulatory authorities, 7 transmission system operators, 3 associations of energy consumers, and six large European electricity companies. SESSA groups about 20 first-ranked scholars who are also experienced with policy assessment and expertise.

To nurture the forum, the leading SESSA research institutions will address the following issues: (i) refining market design, especially power exchanges and balancing markets (ii) addressing market power and industry restructuring for sustainability and for the European consumers benefits (iii) ensuring success of EU electricity enlargement to candidate countries (iv) harmonising effective regulation, in particular concerning subsidies for renewable energies and cross-border exchanges (v) investing for sustainability, especially in terms of RTD programmes and security of supply.

For all those issues, SESSA will benchmark national experiences, will identify best practices in EU and abroad and will draw guidelines for their implementation.



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The SESSA study on the Internal Energy Market was an important and influential contribution towards the Commission's proposal for a third package of proposals, intending to bring more effective competition and better security of supply to Europe's energy markets. This volume, based on the results of the study is an important and welcome contribution to the ongoing debate on these proposals.

Andris Piebalgs, Commissioner for Energy at the European Commission