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**Recommendations for governments of V4 countries with respect to regional energy cooperation adopted after the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Energy Security of the V4 Think-Tank Platform**

**(1) Joint responses to the EU initiatives and improving V4 energy cooperation**

- With respect to the EC Communication on the Future Role of Regional Initiatives it is important to ensure that all V4 countries belong to one region with participation of Romania and Bulgaria, and with Croatia as an observer.
- Consensus within V4 on developing North-South gas corridor should be supplemented with transparent, homogenous and competitive regulatory environment through harmonization of regulatory and tariff policies, capacity allocation mechanisms, and network codes.
- V4 should develop common position towards the EC Infrastructure Package for more balanced cost-sharing of planned investments within the EU, as well as towards new EU funding mechanisms for energy projects.
- V4's diverse electricity generation portfolios hold synergy benefits that could be extracted through organizing a regional electricity market balancing mechanism, instead of the current small scale national balancing.
- V4 countries should consider the harmonization of national energy strategies for example with respect to large scale state-supported power generation projects to send clearer signals to the investors.
- Synchronized implementation of security standards set up by the Regulation on security of gas supply is needed. V4 countries should prepare regional risk assessment studies, necessary for further elaboration of joint preventive plan.





## **(2) Ensuring security of oil supply**

- V4 should strongly demonstrate its concerns about security of oil supply fuelled by uncertain future of “Friendship” pipeline system, as well as turn to Russia with request for clarification of its plans.
- V4 countries should without delay prepare multi-variant analysis of various hypothetical scenarios of supply disruptions based on joint risk assessment and technical resilience of the pipeline system.
- V4 countries should take further steps to instigate already identified projects (i.e. expansion of TAL-IKL, Adria and Slovak-Hungary pipelines, Litvinov-Spergau pipeline and Odessa-Brody-Plock) that would reduce regional vulnerability to oil supply disruption.

## **(3) Climate change**

- V4 countries should launch proactive, pragmatic, business-oriented cooperation to ensure appropriate distribution of costs and benefits of EU climate policy.
- V4 should emphasize that increase in binding EU CO2 emissions reduction level from current 20% to 30% in 2020 would be acceptable only after other major emitters are ready for similar commitments.
- V4 (and V4+) countries should consider developing a joint position towards the EU’s decarbonisation policy up to 2050.
- V4 should also examine the possibilities of harmonized renewable supporting schemes, as well as policies towards reaching bio-fuels and energy efficiency goals.

