

**DECISION OF THE
MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY**

01/2023/MC-EnC

on extending the duration of the Energy Community Treaty

THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the Energy Community ("the Treaty"), and in particular Article 97 thereof,

Whereas the Treaty was signed on 25 October 2005 and entered into force on 1 July 2006;

Whereas, according to its Article 97, the Treaty was concluded for an initial period of 10 years from the date of entry into force and requires a decision by the Ministerial Council for its extension;

Whereas the Treaty was already extended for a period of ten years by Ministerial Council Decision 1/2013/MC-Enc on 24 October 2013;

Whereas the Energy Community continues to provide an efficient framework for regional cooperation in the energy field, which was significantly upgraded by the adoption of the electricity sector integration package by the Ministerial Council in December 2022;

Whereas the Energy Community, in particular by the adoption of a Decarbonization Roadmap and the Clean Energy Package, has been evolving into a robust framework to drive and support the Contracting Parties' energy transitions and climate action;

Whereas the commitments entered into by the Parties to the Energy Community extend well beyond 2026;

ADOPTS THIS DECISION:

Article 1
Extension of the duration of the Energy Community Treaty

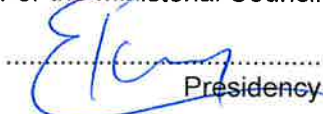
The duration of the Treaty is extended for a period of 10 years.

Article 2
Entry into force

This Decision enters into force upon its adoption.

Done in Vienna on 14 December 2023

For the Ministerial Council

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Presidency