

Partnership Between IURC and ERE

Regional Integration

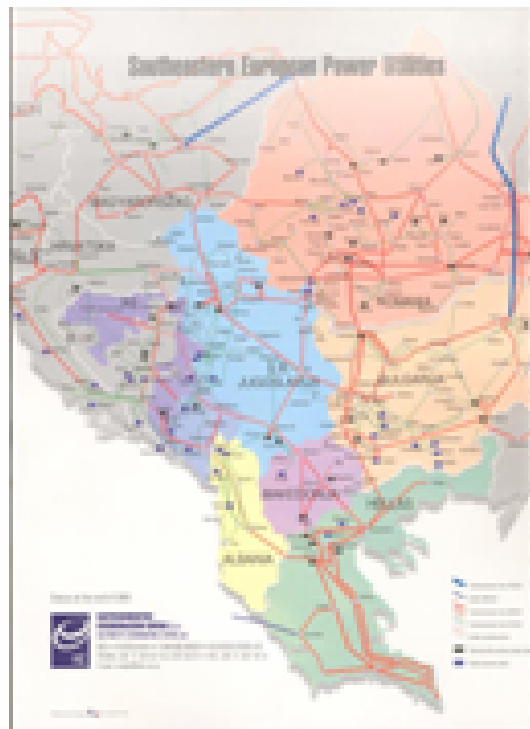
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Regional Integration (Goals and Objectives)

- Albania aspires to join the EU (an important national goal)
The National Power Strategy and Policy, April 02, June 03
- Athens Memorandum (Meeting of the EU and MOU Requirements, if applicable). EU Guidelines
- Development of a regional power market
- Development of a regional structure for regulatory bodies
- Active participation in the regional market through a TSO
- MTT proposal with regards to power

Independent Regulator (ERE)

- The Law on Power became effective in July of 2003. Development of an independent ERE that practices wide regulatory authority with transparency and without discrimination.
- **Consistency with EU guidelines.**
- Issues, modifies, and revokes the licenses of participants in the market, including exporters and importers.
- Reviews and approves tariffs, both wholesale and retail.

Independent Regulator (ERE)

- Reviews operators' investment programs, in accordance to standards and cost savings considerations.
- Recommends a Market Model to the Government, which defines regulations, network code (transmission and distribution) and regulates the access conditions according to the approved model.
- Investigates cases within its own authority as a regulator.
- Issues sanctions for noncompliance with ERE decisions and licensing provisions.

Challenges in Regional Integration

- Experience with practices and cooperation with the region's regulators.
- Prioritizing issues and problems in cooperation with all interested parties.
- Fulfilling the role of the regulatory body in establishing a balance between the systems in different countries.
- Raise awareness of the need to increase the Regulator's legal authority.
- Achieving a process that is as transparent as possible.
- Achieving consumer satisfaction and maintaining direct customer relations.

Thank you for your attention.