

Preface by the EU Delegation to Ukraine

This OECD Market Study of the electricity sector in Ukraine, funded by the EU Delegation to Ukraine, presents the outcome of a fruitful co-operation between the OECD and the Ukrainian authorities.

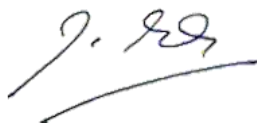
The project aimed at promoting competition in the electricity sector, which is a vital part of a modern, well-functioning economy. It contributes to a better understanding of the competitive landscape and the regulatory framework within which market participants operate.

Given the importance of the energy sector, the EU is continuing to provide both emergency and long-term support to the sector, to make it more efficient and resilient. The successful synchronisation of Ukraine's electricity system with the continental European system has been a major step towards Ukraine's integration with the EU electricity market. This study shows ways to continue with the integration process for the mutual benefit of both parties. This is particularly relevant in light of Ukraine's status of a candidate country for accession to the EU.

Russia's large-scale invasion has disrupted the lives of millions of Ukrainian citizens and severely damaged Ukraine's energy infrastructures by attacks that amount to war crimes. Despite the ongoing war, numerous Ukrainian stakeholders have contributed to this study, given its importance for the long-term functioning of the electricity sector and of the Ukrainian economy as a whole. The report is indeed vital for providing a pathway for competitive electricity market, which will be pivotal as Ukraine rebuilds after the war.

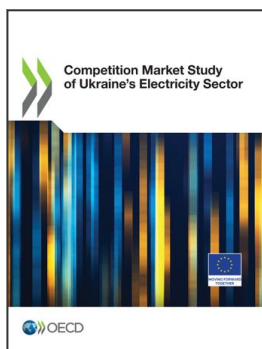
The recommendations provide clear guidance on how to complete the opening of Ukraine's electricity sector when the conditions are right, while also supporting the country's recovery and reconstruction.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the OECD and all the experts who contributed to this project. The EU Delegation to Ukraine supported this project from its inception and stands ready to assist Ukraine in implementing its recommendations.



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