

SUMMARY
of the Opinion "Progress towards completing the Internal Energy Market"
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The Chamber of Deputies appreciates the continuous major preoccupation - at the EU level - for the full achievement of the objectives of the Action Programme of 2012 concerning the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the production of electricity generated from renewable energy sources and the achievement of energy efficiency. It considers that the continuation of energy markets' integration, by transposing and implementing the third package on energy, in all EU member states, will be a pre condition for achieving the long and medium-term objectives, which is beneficial both for the European Union and Romania.

The Chamber of Deputies considers that finalizing the well-integrated energy market means to achieve the internal market norms in order to eliminate the barriers related to them – what involves to establish relations, at the national and European level, between the authorities who deal with the norms and the interested parties, in order to implement and enlarge the existing juridical framework; these endeavours are also meant to identify the important infrastructure projects for the natural gas and for the electric energy and to achieve the construction of the missing links to connect the isolated areas.

The Chamber of Deputies considers that the integration of the energy market needs several networks as well as simpler, more transparent and more solid rules, also a greater focus on the priority projects dealing with the production, transport, distribution and storage of the electrical energy and the natural gas. In the process of energy market integration, a special attention must be paid to energy efficiency and to the reshaping of the EU energy policies, by changing the structure of the energy mixes and by rethinking the use of the coal and of the nuclear energy. Due to the fact that the energy system of Europe is confronting with a tensioned period, as a result of the events in Ukraine and the problems regarding the natural gas supply from Russia, it is necessary to improve the EU energy security, by resorting to local solutions. The diversification of the routes and suppliers is a key-element so that not to be dependent on individual suppliers.