

# THE FUTURE OF THE ENERGY CHARTER PROCESS: TO FIND A COMPETITIVE NICHE

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## **QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- Energy Charter competitive niche among other international organisations
- Energy Charter process life-cycle
- Energy Charter emerging geography and expansion policy



# 1. Energy Charter competitive niche among other international organisations



#### DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY MARKETS AND MECHANISMS FOR **INVESTORS PROTECTION / STIMULATION**

PSA,

Concessions, FEZ

Tax Code,

investment and subsoil legislation

BITs, DTTs

**End of 2002:** 

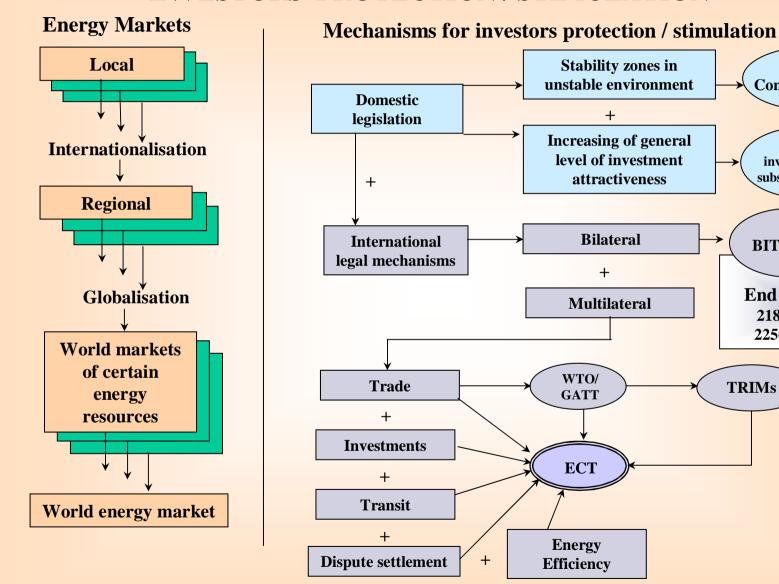
**2181 BITs 2256 DTTs** 

**TRIMs** 

**TRIPs** 

**GATS** 

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#### MAIN CONTENT OF SELECTED INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT-RELATED AGREEMENTS

Organisation	Legal Status	Scope	Investment	Trade	Transit	Energy Efficiency	Dispute Settlement
ECT	LB	Energy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WTO	LB	General	(Yes) Services	Yes	Yes/No*	No	Yes
NAFTA	LB	General	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
MERCOSUR	LB	General	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
OECD	LB	General	Yes	No	No	No	No
APEC	Non- LB	General	Yes	Yes	No	No	No

**Source:** J.Karl, Senior Expert, DEI, Energy Charter Secretariat

\* - application of GATT Art.V to grid-bound transportation systems is under debate Plus specialised energy-related organisations: OPEC, IEA, IEF, UN ECE Plus specialised "regional" organisations: BSEC, BASREC, ...

#### ENERGY CHARTER PROCESS IN A GLOBAL FRAMEWORK

- General vs. specific risks,
- Global vs. regional scope



#### ENERGY CHARTER PROCESS IN A GLOBAL FRAMEWORK: GENERAL VS. SPECIFIC RISKS

Q.: Are there any specific risks in energy to be addressed in a special forum / documents?

## A.: Yes. Energy projects (compared to other industries):

- Highest capital intensity (absolute & unit CAPEX per project),
- Longest project life-cycle,
- Longest pay-back periods,
- Geology risks (+ immobile infrastructure, etc.),
- Highest demand for legal & tax stability,
- Role of risk management.

So, a competitive niche exists for energy-related multilateral international organisations – at least to address specific character of energy risks.

Are these organisations complimentary or competitive to each other? What is their optimal correlation?

#### ENERGY CHARTER PROCESS IN A GLOBAL FRAMEWORK: GLOBAL VS. REGIONAL SCOPE

- Investment = *global* (BITs, DTTs, [MAI?])
- Energy Efficiency = global (partly IEA and UNECE)
- Trade = global (WTO)
- Dispute settlement = <u>global</u> (ECT covers all available DS types/procedures):
  - State-to-State
  - Investor-to-State
- Transit = <u>regional</u> (no other international organization deals with transit except ECT)



#### MULTILATERAL ENERGY-RELATED ORGANISATIONS: OPEC, IEF, IEA, UN ECE, ENERGY CHARTER

#### • Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Vienna):

- Formal (government oil export policies), but deals only with one oil market,
- Crude oil export quotas mechanism,
- Oil market research & analysis, etc.

#### International Energy Forum (Er-Ryadh):

- Purely informal minister-to-minister dialogue (?),
- No legal consequences (?),
- Strong intention of IEF leadership to prevent potential bureaucratisation, etc.

#### • International Energy Agency (Paris):

- Partly formal related to oil market (common IEA governments oil stocks policy),
- Mostly informal (energy markets research & analysis, energy policy recommendations),
- Quantitative assessments of future energy markets, etc.

#### United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN ECE) (Geneva):

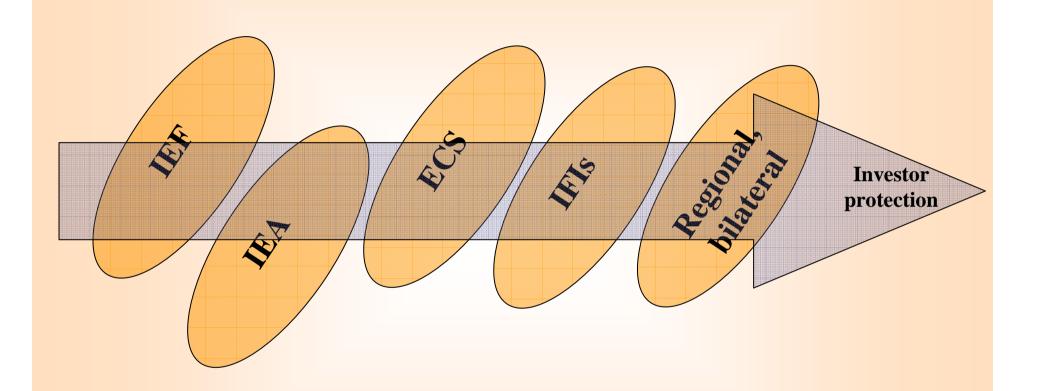
- Policy debate, technical issues, coordinated policies (?),
- The only "transatlantic" organisation that historically has been uniting both OECD and former USSR/COMECON states.

#### • Energy Charter (Brussels):

- Formal (negotiations on legally-binding documents + their implementation),
- Expanding and deepening the scope of international law in energy-related sphere
- Add. Policy debate



# CHAIN OF ACTIVITIES SUPPORTIVE TO ENERGY MARKETS DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND PROSPECTIVE ROLE/PLACE IN IT OF DIFFERENT INTERNATIONAL ENERGY-RELATED ORGANISATIONS (I)





# CHAIN OF ACTIVITIES SUPPORTIVE TO ENERGY MARKETS DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND PROSPECTIVE ROLE/PLACE IN IT OF DIFFERENT INTERNATIONAL ENERGY-RELATED ORGANISATIONS

#### International Energy Forum (IEF):

- Indication of issues of interest/concern, "raising the questions"

### International Energy Agency (IEA):

- In-depth analysis, quantitative assessments, scenarios-forecasts

### Energy Charter:

- Policy debate development of common approach to identified challenges and risks of future energy markets development,
- Negotiations & implementation establishing new legal instruments that would address newly identified risks, and/or amendments to (revisions of) existing legal instruments to update them (when/if necessary) to the new state of the energy markets developments

### • International Financial Institutions (IFIs = EBRD, ADB, ...):

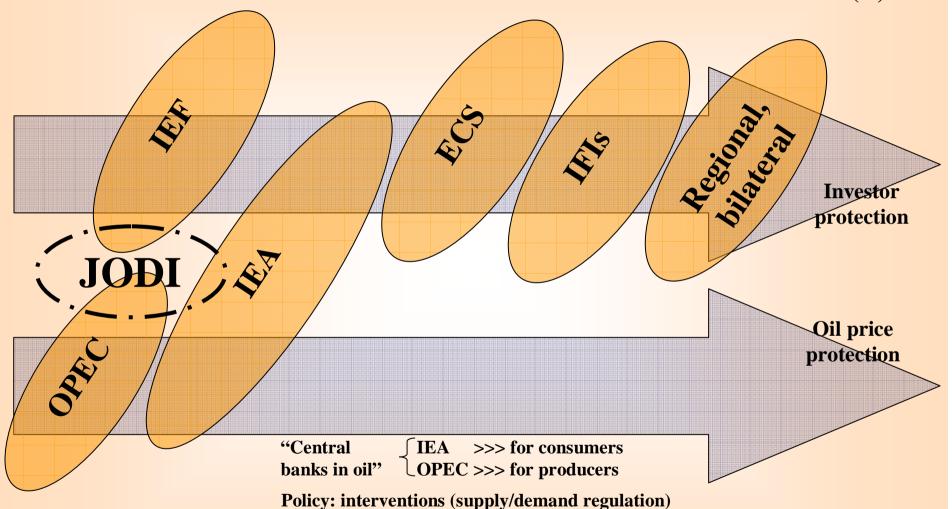
- Lead-financiers in FDI inflows in transition economies (pilot actors), lower cost of capital (debt financing),
- Possibility (?): ECT based policy chapters in IFIs energy loans structure

# • Regional organisations (BSEC, BASREC), bilateral processes (RF-EU energy dialogue):

- Incremental political, economic (?), financial (?) support to the "projects of common interest"

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**Influence on prices:** 

OPEC - up/down

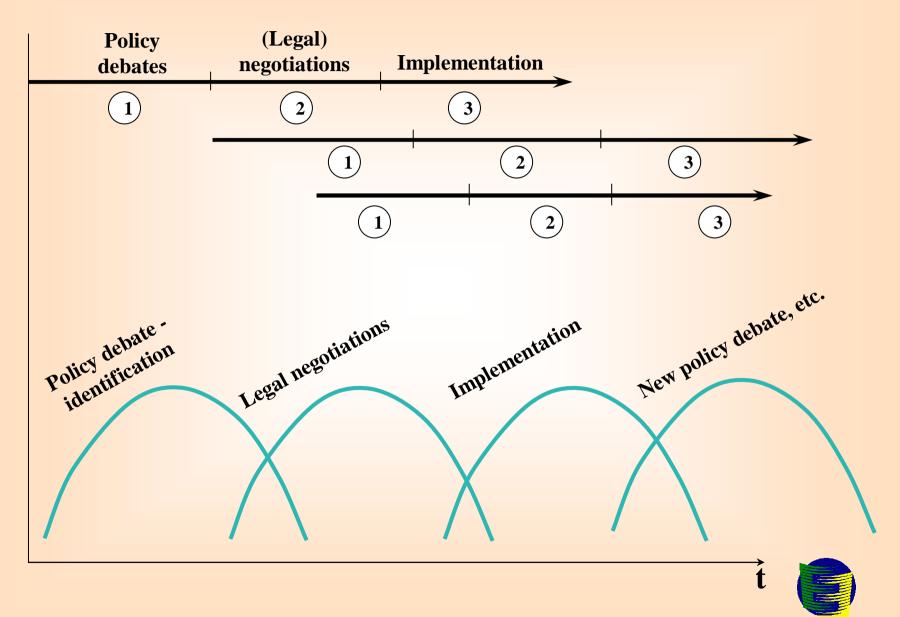
down IEA -



2. Energy Charter process life-cycle

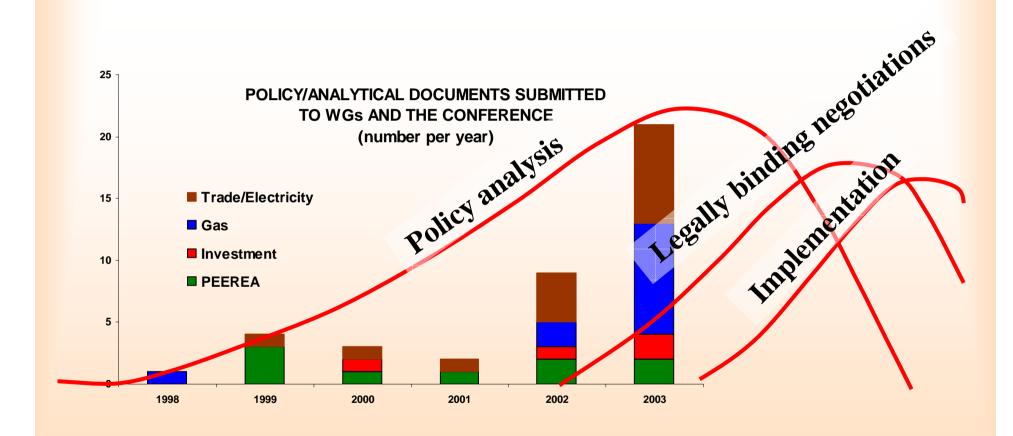


#### **ENERGY CHARTER PROCESS CYCLE**



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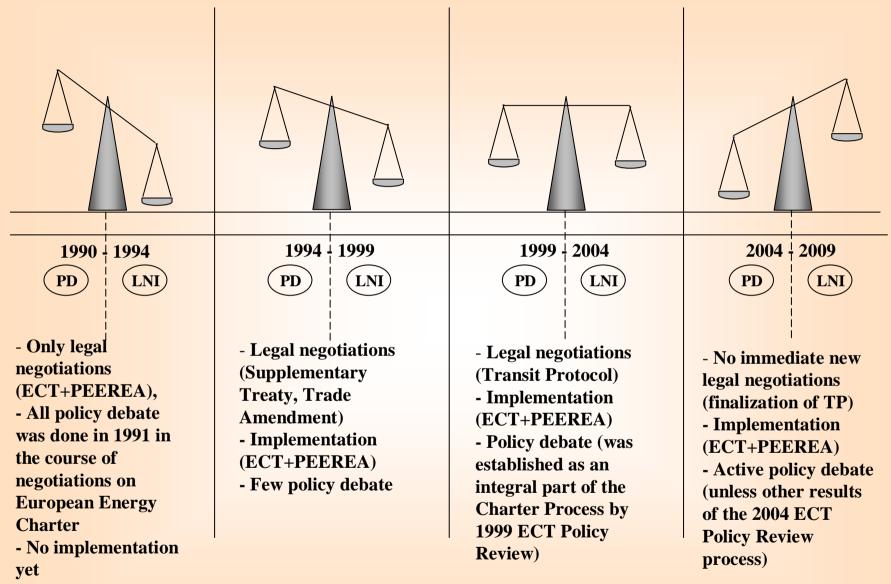
## A Clear Trend to More Policy Analysis



Based on data from E.Sorensen's, DEI, presentation at ECS Retreat, 10.02.04



#### **ENERGY CHARTER EVOLVING BALANCE OF ACTIVITIES**



PD – policy debate LNI – Legal negotiations and implementation



#### **ENERGY CHARTER PROCESS LIFE-CYCLE: STAGES**

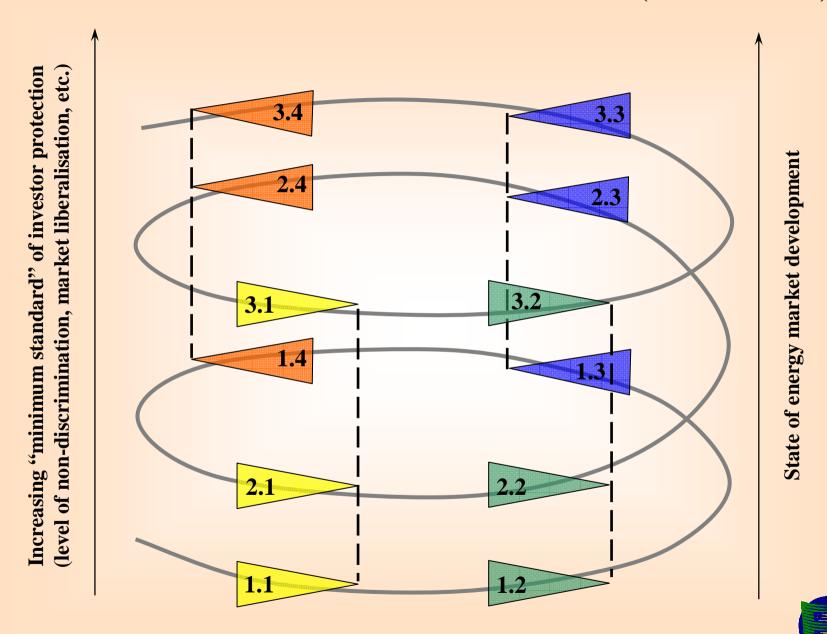
#### CYCLE 1:

- 1.1 Evaluation of the current stage and further developments of energy markets (policy debate-1)
- 1.2 Identification of commonly accepted new challenges and new risks (policy debate -2)
- 1.3 Legal negotiations aimed at how to adequately address new risks
- 1.4 Implementation of the new legal instruments

CYCLE 2:	CYCLE 3:	CYCLE N:
2.1	3.1	N.1
2.2	3.2	N.2
2.3	3.3	N.3
2.4	3.4	N.4



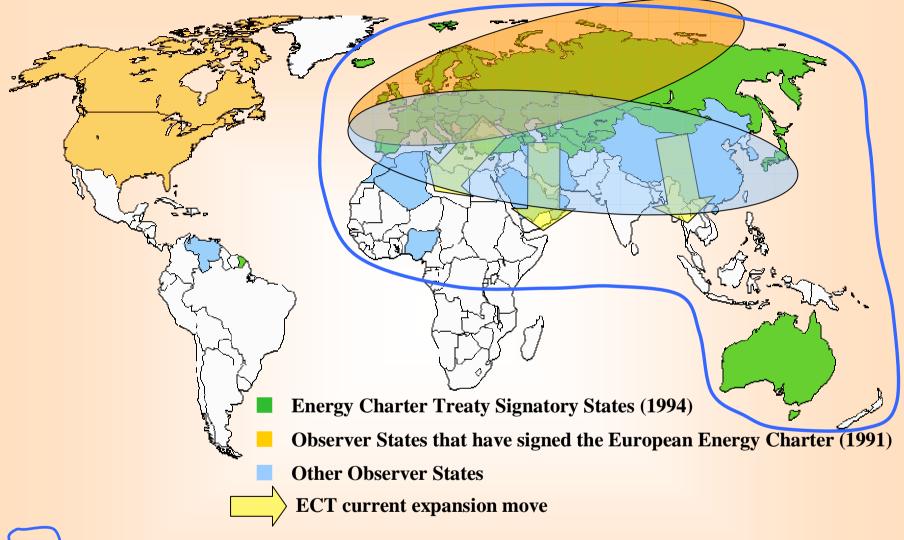
## **ENERGY CHARTER PROCESS LIFE-CYCLE (A CONCEPT)**



# 3. Energy Charter emerging geography and expansion policy



#### **ENERGY CHARTER PROCESS: GEOGRAPHICAL DEVELOPMENT**

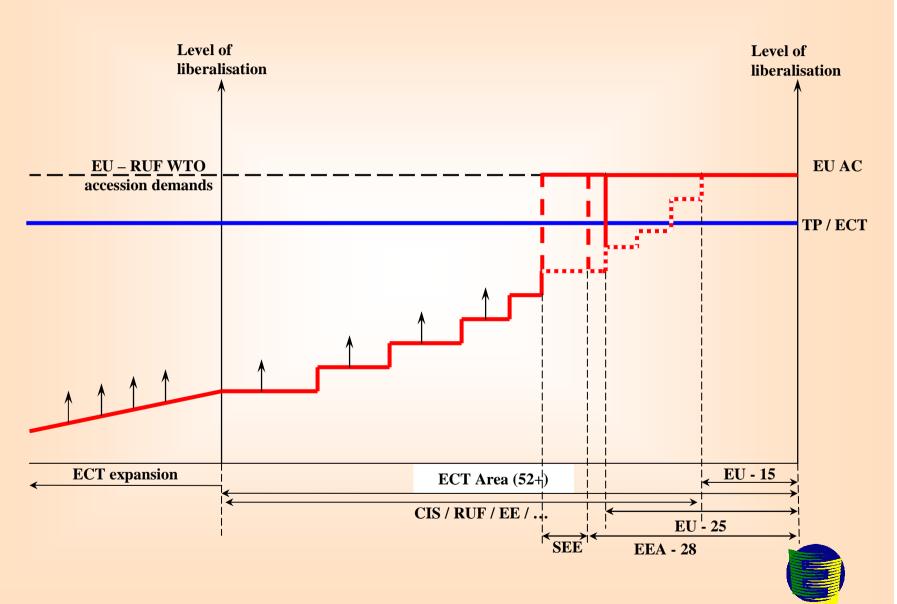




- 1. From trans-Atlantic political declaration to broader Eurasian single energy market
- 2. ECT expansion is an objective and logical process based on economic and financial reasons



# CORRELATION BETWEEN EU AND ECT EXPANSION PROCESSES



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