

Having in mind that the energy is one of the greatest development opportunities for the Western Balkan countries, including Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina, that is, Republic of Srpska, and the decisions to utilize the energy potentials which will be adopted in the forthcoming period and will be of key importance for the further overall economic development of our countries, members of the parliaments of Republic of Serbia, Montenegro and Republic of Srpska, at the joint meeting within the Network of Parliamentary Committees for Economy, Finance and European Integration of Western Balkans, held in Trebinje on 31 March, passed the following recommendations and views:

1. It is necessary to strengthen the parliamentary oversight in the area of energy, as well as to increase the transparency of the key decision-making process in the area, with full participation of the parliaments, in compliance with the competences of the legislative power;
2. It is necessary to initiate development of joint document of the Republic of Serbia, Montenegro and Republic of Srpska regarding the cooperation in the area of energy, and to start initiative to align the legislative regulation in the energy area, and to define the common investment priorities in this area;
3. It is crucial to intensify the cooperation among Republic of Serbia, Montenegro and Republic of Srpska in the energy area in terms of reaching an agreement, in order to increase the energy-efficiency, efficiency in the environment protection and rationalization of the operations of the public electricity supply enterprises;
4. It is necessary to redefine the financial relations between the local community and publicly owned energy-related enterprises in terms of achieving adequate benefits that local community accomplishes through utilization of the energy potentials in its area, in compliance with the European Charter of Local Self-Government;
5. Having in mind the economic and energy interest of Serbia, Montenegro and Republic of Srpska, as well as the needs for cooperation in the joint projects realization, and the fact that thermo-energy project realization is quite certain, it is necessary to define common interests through the valorization of the existing hydro-energy potentials, such as the HPP 'Boka' and HPP 'Buk Bjela' projects.
6. It is agreed to organize a regional conference for the members of the parliaments of the Western Balkans on the topic of energy in Montenegro by the end of September, with participation of representatives of the executive power, as well as from the energy-related academic and business community in order to undertake actual measures to strengthen the regional energy cooperation.