

Lithuania Market Compliance TF

Meeting minutes

17 March 2025



Minutes and Actions

Meeting of the Fleet Cards Market Compliance Task Force on Lithuania

17 March 2025, 11:00 am (CET)

Location	Online	
Chair	Antonio Chiesa, DKV	
Attendance	Pauline Gain, Edenred Thomas Hölscher, DKV Diana Jescanina, E100 Roland Schwengebecher, Edenred Ramon Weistroffer, DKV	<u>Secretariat:</u> Aurélie Decker Peigneur, FCE <u>External advisers :</u> Jokas Deividas, TGS Baltics Dominykas Jakštas, Fabula Paulius Zapolskis, TGS Baltics
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1) Competition compliance reminder

FCE Secretary General reminded all participants to comply with competition law and circulated the Do's and Don'ts.

2) Update on the latest developments

- Fabula provided an update to the participants, mentioning that following the appointment of the new leadership in the Ministry of Energy, they met with Vice-Minister Edita Gudauskienė in February. During the meeting, it was confirmed that, for political reasons, the regulation will need to be amended through a law change rather than a Ministerial decree.
- Mr. Edvinas Varkala is the main contact in the Ministry of Energy and he has invited FCE to submit a draft law amendment to help expedite the initial process. However, it remains unclear exactly how the Ministry intends to amend the law. Furthermore, the views of the

Department of Justice are still unknown.

- The Ministry of Energy plans to submit the law amendment during the Autumn Parliamentary session. At this stage, it is unclear whether this amendment will be the only one put forward by the Ministry. Before submission, the Ministry will hold a public consultation over the summer.
- Once submitted to the Parliament, the amendment will first be voted on to determine whether the proposal will be considered. It will then be discussed in the Economics Committee before being put to a final vote in Parliament for adoption.

3) Action Plan proposal

- It was agreed that FCE should submit proposals to assist the Ministry in designing an amendment that aligns with industry needs and helps expedite the process.
- It was agreed that TGS Baltics will draft two proposals to the Ministry of Energy on behalf of FCE. One proposal will consider a broad exception (scope exclusion) for fleet cards within the Energy law, and the other will propose an amendment to the Energy law to exempt fleet card issuers from the authorisation process. Both draft amendments will be accompanied by explanatory notes.
- FCE will review the proposals, and the Task Force will provide feedback before Easter.
- Fabula will be assigned to support FCE throughout the adoption process, assisting with outreach to authorities, Parliament representatives, and identifying potential opposition, as well as engaging with other stakeholders to avoid rejection.

New Action

TGS Baltics will draft two law proposals along with the corresponding explanatory notes, in both Lithuanian and English by the end of March.

The Secretariat will submit a budget to the Board for approval to cover Fabula's support through to the completion of the Parliamentary process. If approved, a new contract will be signed.

Members will provide their feedback on TGS Baltics proposals before the next meeting.

Slide on the latest developments and the timeline.

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What happened since we last met:

- New leadership of Ministry of Energy appointed in January
- Meeting with Vice-minister Edita Gudauskienė in February
- Agreed that necessary regulation will be implemented by changing the law

What's next:

- The Ministry (Edvinas Varkala) will prepare a draft law amendments by July
- FCE is welcome to propose relevant changes pro-actively to speed to process up
- FCE will be able to review the proposals before official procedures begin
- Ministry will submit the draft for public consultation once ready
- Ministry will include proposals into its Autumn Session program
- Proposed changes will be approved by the Government and presented to the Parliament:
 - Parliament will vote to consider the proposal
 - Parliament committee (Economics) will discuss the proposals
 - Parliament will vote to adopt the law