

## CEER Seminar for Senior Staff and Board members of NRAs on European institutions and developments

**17-18 FEBRUARY 2014**

### DAY 1: 11:00-18:30

#### **SESSION 1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION** 15 mins (11.00am)

Lord Mogg (CEER President and ACER BoR Chairman) will provide an outline of the course. This intensive and exclusive 2-day programme will give senior regulators key insights into how energy policy discussions, developments and structures at EU-level significantly affect regulators and energy markets in their day-to-day functioning and growth; offering the unique opportunity to learn from fellow senior regulators, policy-makers and energy actors directly involved in energy policy development and implementation.

#### **SESSION 2 OVERVIEW OF EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS** 2 hours (11.15am)

This session offers a tour de horizon of the major actors involved in European energy policy development. Over the last 10 years, energy markets have increasingly been the object of political interest and legislative action at EU-level; with an extensive legal framework aimed at delivering a single European energy market. During the session, we will discuss the role of each of the relevant European bodies and institutions, including an introduction to legislative processes and European actors and an overview of regulators' collective activities as CEER and ACER (their distinct roles and structures).

- Overview of CEER and ACER roles Lord Mogg
  - Including alignment of objectives with other bodies/institutions
  
- ENTSOs Konstantin Staschus, ENTSO-E Secretary General
  
- European Institutions Florian Ermacora, European Commission HoU - Communication & Interinstitutional relations
  - European Commission
  - European Parliament
  - European Council
  - Florence, Madrid and London Fora
  
- Other energy actors and lobbying bodies Natalie McCoy, CEER Secretary General

*(Lunch – with GA members)*

*1 hour (1.15 – 2.15pm)*

**SESSION 3 TOUR OF CEER BUILDING – MEET THE STAFF** 15 mins (2.15pm)

**SESSION 4 POLICY DEVELOPMENTS** 2 hours (2.30pm)

Led by senior regulators active in CEER and ACER activities, this session will provide a practical and candid introduction to current (and anticipated) policy developments, with a particular focus on the role of energy regulation and EU level cooperation towards promoting markets and sound regulation.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evolution of energy markets and regulation (strategic and political aspects, including relations with national/EU policy makers and market actors)</li> </ul>                                     | <p>David Halldearn, Advisor to CEER<br/>President</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ History and current state of play on key policy areas (introduction to 3rd Package, Internal Energy Market, energy efficiency/RES, consumers, state of the market: MMR, international)</li> </ul> | <p>Koen Locquet, WG Chair</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Future developments (Bridge to 2025, EU elections; EU priorities of competitiveness &amp; sustainability; possible new areas of legislation, consumers and international)</li> </ul>              | <p>Annegret Groebel, CEER VP and<br/>WG &amp;<br/>Daniel Muether, CEER European<br/>Policy Unit Chair</p> |

**SESSION 5 VISIT TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT** 1 hour (5.00pm)

The European Parliament (EP) has a crucial role in shaping EU energy legislation which is then applied at national level. Regulators have built longstanding and strong relations with the EP – whose members support competitive market goals and are keenly concerned about customers, prices and sustainability. The visit will provide a valuable opportunity to see behind the institutional façade and learn about the political process first hand from a Parliament member. A dynamic interactive visitor’s centre will also offer a virtual trip through Europe, the integration process and the workings of the institution – in 24 languages!

- Tour of EP and Meet a Member of the European Parliament (Giles Chichester MEP)  
Room A1H1

*Dinner with GA members*

*Evening*

**- END FIRST DAY -**

## DAY 2: 09:00-15:00

### SESSION 6 CEER AND ACER

3 hours (9.00am)

Guided by acting CEER and ACER Working Group Chairs and Board Members, this session focuses on the roles and organisation of CEER and ACER as well as the role for senior NRA staff. It will also provide solid grounding on regulators' on-going priorities and activities, including the practical and working aspects of building and delivering regulatory expertise and recommendations as part of our high level goal to facilitate the creation of a single, competitive, efficient and sustainable Internal Energy Market that works in the public interest.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Role of each body, their aims and policy scope – a practitioner's perspective               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Structure and organisation of each body</li> <li>– Who is who – and key contacts</li> <li>– Legal foundations of ACER. Treaty limitations (Meroni case)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>Walter Boltz, CEER VP and WG Chair</p>      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Role of NRAs within CEER and ACER – working groups and decision making</li> </ul>   | <p>Martin Crouch, WG Chair</p>                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CEER current work plan and priorities</li> </ul>  | <p>Anne Doennem, CEER Work Programme Chair</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ACER current work plan and priorities</li> </ul>  | <p>Fay Geitona, ACER NRA Coordinator</p>       |

### 10 LUNCH AND MEETING WITH EUROPEAN COMMISSION

2-3 hours (12.00pm)

As the initiator (and defender) of EU policy and legislation, the European Commission is a crucial counterpart for energy regulators. We will meet with key senior contacts at the Directorate General for Energy – exchange views and receive an overview of the EC's priorities and ongoing activities for energy markets in Europe. In addition to collective cooperation with the EC, NRAs often have bilateral relations (vis-à-vis national market developments, implementation, etc.) with EC officials.

- Lunch and meeting with EC staff (Klaus-Dieter Borchardt - Director; Inge Bernaerts - HoU for Wholesale markets, electricity & gas; Catharina Sikow-Magny - HoU for Networks and Regional Initiatives; Jan Panek - HoU for Retail markets; coal & oil)

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(2.45pm)

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