

CEER Executive-Level Seminar on Managing European and National Agendas on Energy Regulation

06-07 March 2018

CEER Office, Cours Saint-Michel 30a (5th floor), 1040 Brussels

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

In a rapidly evolving energy sector, with an increasing share of renewable/distributed energy, more active consumers, digitalisation and cybersecurity, Commissioner-level and senior-level staff of National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) must reflect on their NRA's role and vision in order to deal with the new challenges faced at national and European level. In addition, with the forthcoming "Clean Energy for All Europeans" Package, it is very important for NRA senior staff to understand European energy policy, how it is developed by the EU and the role that NRAs play in influencing and implementing it.

This intensive and exclusive 2-day programme provides a unique opportunity for Commissioner-level and senior-level NRA staff to learn and exchange views with the key players at the European Parliament, European Commission, CEER and ACER, including on the "Clean Energy for All Europeans" Package. Participants will have a chance to meet the new CEER President and Board to discuss the roles and vision of NRAs in delivering our energy policy, including at national level. Participants will also learn from some practical experiences on the governance of NRAs, how other NRAs are organised and their approaches in advising and briefing national Governments and Ministries while safeguarding regulators' independence. The programme offers a first-hand opportunity to learn from fellow senior regulators, policy-makers and energy actors who are directly involved in energy regulatory policy development and implementation.

Tuesday, 06 March 2018

10:30-17:15

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

10:30 – 10:45 Introduction of the course and roundtable introduction of participants.

- **Mr Garrett Blaney | CEER President and Chair of ACER's Board of Regulators**

SESSION 1 OVERVIEW OF EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS – THEORY VS. REALITY

Chair: Lord Mogg

This session offers a tour d'horizon of the major actors involved in European energy policy development. With a focus on the "Clean Energy for All Europeans" Package, we will discuss the role of each of the relevant European institutions, including an introduction to legislative processes and European actors as well as the approaches to influencing the energy policy debate at European level.

10:45 – 12:15 The key European Institutions: bodies and decision-making processes, the functioning of the European Commission, the role of the Regulatory Fora.

- **Lord Mogg | CEER Former President and Former Chair of ACER's Board of Regulators**

Questions and Discussion

12:15 – 13:00 The legislative process and the role of the European Parliament regarding the "Clean Energy for All Europeans" Package.

- **Mr Hannes Kugi | European Parliament, Directorate-General for Internal Policies**

Questions and Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch Break (CEER office)*

TOUR OF CEER OFFICE – MEET THE STAFF 15 mins

SESSION 2 NRA NEW PRIORITIES AND CHALLENGES AT EU LEVEL

Chair: Mr Garrett Blaney

This session focuses on regulators' collective activities as CEER and ACER as well as the role for senior NRA staff. It will provide an overview on regulators' new visions, priorities as well as challenges at the EU level as part of our high level goal to facilitate the creation of a single, competitive, efficient and sustainable Internal Energy Market. It will also include the roles and tasks of other relevant European bodies who contribute to the creation of Internal Energy Market.

14:00 – 15:30 Overview of CEER and ACER roles, structure, organisation, new strategies and priorities for each body and respective 2018 work programmes.

- **Mr Garrett Blaney | CEER President and Chair of ACER's Board of Regulators**
- **Mr Alberto Pototschnig | ACER Director**

Questions and Discussion

15:30 – 15:45 *Coffee Break*

15:45 – 16:30 Regulatory governance at the EU, regional and national level.

- **Ms Hélène Gassin | CEER Vice President**

Questions and Discussion

16:30 – 17:15 New challenges for regulators under the Clean Energy Package (renewables, retail/consumer issues, innovation, the growing role of DSOs, etc.)

- **Ms Anne Vadasz Nilsson | CEER Vice President**

Questions and Discussion

17:15 – 18:15 *Reception drinks – For those who wish to join, we will host a small drinks reception at the CEER office – all participants and lecturers welcome!*

- END FIRST DAY -

Wednesday, 07 March 2018

09:00-16:45

09:00 – 10:30 The structure, role and processes of the European Networks for Transmission System Operators (ENTSOs).

- **Ms Susanne Nies | ENTSO-E Manager of Strategy and Communication**
- **Mr Jan Ingwersen | ENTSG General Manager (tbc)**

Questions and Discussion

SESSION 3 VISIT TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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 coffee chat with an MEP will provide a valuable opportunity to see behind the institutional façade and learn about the political process first hand from a Parliament member.

11:00 – 12:00 Tour of EP and Meet a Member of the European Parliament.

SESSION 4 MEETING AND LUNCH WITH EUROPEAN COMMISSION

As the initiator (and enforcer) of EU policy and legislation, the European Commission (EC) is a crucial counterpart for energy regulators. We will meet with key senior contacts at the EC's Directorate General for Energy, exchange views and receive an overview of the EC's priorities and ongoing activities for energy markets in Europe, including the "Clean Energy Package". In addition to collective cooperation with the EC, we will explore how NRAs can develop bilateral relations with EC officials.

12:30 – 14:00 Meeting and lunch with:
EC staff: Mr Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, Director of Directorate B;
Florian Ermacora – HoU for Wholesale markets, electricity & gas;
Catharina Sikow-Magny - HoU for Networks and Regional Initiatives;
Anna Colucci - HoU for Retail markets; coal & oil;
Stefan Moser – HoU for Security of Supply; Olivier Silla – HoU INEA
(place: DG ENER premises, Rue Jean-André De Mot 24, 1040 Etterbeek)

SESSION 5 NRA GOVERNANCE AND CHALLENGES AT NATIONAL LEVEL

Chair: Ms Annegret Groebel

This final session addresses governance issues of NRAs and includes a lively discussion on national case studies of the governance, set-up and challenges for NRAs at national level. It will cover the practical approaches in advising and briefing national Governments and Ministries while safeguarding regulators' independence.

14:30 – 16:30 Panel discussion: Governance, set-up and challenges for NRAs at national level – National case studies:

- a) Institutional aspects (independence, Board structure, budget, decision-making, distribution of issues and powers) and challenges
- b) Tasks and challenges for NRAs at national level (sectoral tasks, cooperation with other sectors, e.g. competition authorities)
- c) Organisational aspects (back-office)
- d) Practical approaches in advising and briefing national Governments and Ministries while safeguarding regulators' independence

- **Ms Marie-Pierre Fauconnier | CEER Vice President**
- **Ms Annegret Groebel | CEER Vice President**
- **Mr Martin Šik | CEER Vice President**

Questions and Discussion

16:30 – 16:45 **Wrap-up and closing.**

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