

# CEER international activities

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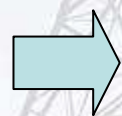
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# The first steps towards a CEER international cooperation strategy

- **CEER began to develop international cooperation activities** with both national regulators and regulatory associations worldwide in the **beginning of the decade**
- The CEER “**Concept Paper on Training and International Cooperation**” (July 2006) called for the definition of a **clear strategy on international cooperation issues, taking into account European Commission’s priorities** in the light of the major changes introduced into the EU’s external policy in 2006

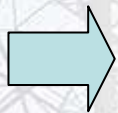


The CEER **International Strategy Group (ISG)** was created in December 2006 to deal with international cooperation issues

# Introducing the ISG Working Group

- **ISG Key objectives:**

- **Maintaining a dialogue on best practices** with other regulatory systems
- **Developing a suitable training policy for CEER as a tool for enhanced international cooperation**
- **Developing CEER international cooperation activities in a coordinated and meaningful way**, in accordance with well-defined priorities



**CEER Action Plan for International Cooperation was approved by the CEER General Assembly in February 2008**

# The 3 priority axis of the ISG

1. **Supporting the EU policy with regard to energy security**
  - Promote the inclusion of energy regulatory issues into EU dialogues with important gas producers and/or transit countries
  
2. **Supporting the dissemination of the EU energy *acquis*:**
  - Cooperate with regulators from neighbouring countries towards greater regulatory consistency or even convergence
  
3. **Structuring the dialogue with non-EU regulators and regional associations of regulators**
  - Facilitate the exchange of experiences and good practices

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# Recent CEER activities with regard to energy security (1/2)

- CEER dialogue with the **Federal Tariff Service of Russia (FTS)**:
  - **Formal dialogue established in May 2009** (Kick-off meeting)
  - Participation of CEER representatives in the **Annual Meeting of Russian Energy Regulators in April 2010**
  - **Last bilateral meeting in October 2010**
- CEER contacts with the **National Electricity Regulatory Commission of Ukraine (NERC)** in addition to **CEER members' bilateral relationship**:
  - **Twinning** aimed at the “Regulatory and Legal Capacity Strengthening of **Energy Regulation in NERC**” **completed in 2009** (AEEG, E-Control, ERU)
  - **Twinning project on "Regulatory and Legal Capacity Strengthening of Natural Gas Regulation in NERC"** **launched in 2009** (AEEG, ANRE, RAE)

## Recent CEER activities with regard to energy security (2/2)

- ERGEG involvement in the **Eastern Partnership (EaP)**
  - Since July 2009, ERGEG has been **invited by the European Commission and the EaP Member States as a permanent participant in the EaP “Platform on energy security”** with the aim to **promote the dialogue on energy regulatory issues at regional level**
    - Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine
    - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia



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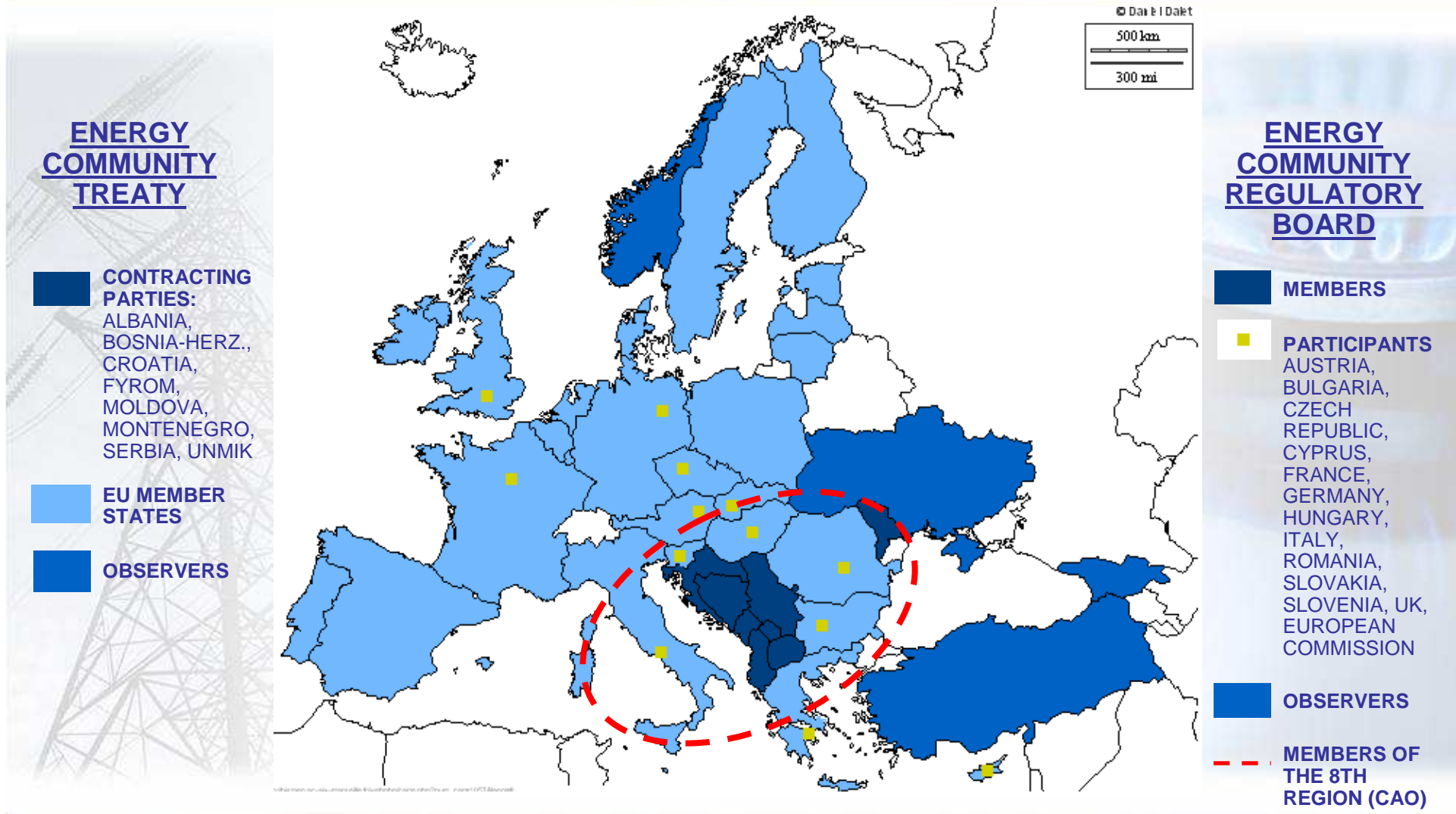
# Facilitating the dissemination of the EU energy *acquis*

- In 2008, CEER has launched an internal **online experts database with the aim to facilitate sharing knowledge and experience and dealing with incoming requests**
- In particular, **the Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Unit of the European Commission** regularly asks CEER experts to participate in trainings, workshops and study visits dedicated for regulatory authorities of (potential) candidate countries and others EU neighbouring countries

## Regional integration beyond the EU: The Energy Community (1/2)

- **The Energy Community was created in May 2006 to create a pan-European energy market capable of attracting investment and enhancing competition as well as environmental protection**
  - Strengthen national institutional capacities
  - Adapt legislation and regulation to EU norms and practices
  - Implement the « *acquis communautaire* » on energy (2003)
- **The Energy Community regulatory Board (ECRB) advises the Energy Community Treaty institutions on statutory, technical and regulatory rules in the region (decisions and recommendations, notably on cross-border disputes)**
  - Composed of **8 non-EU Members**, 12 European Participants and one representative of the European Commission (as well as 4 non-EU Observers)
  - **3 Working Groups (WG):** Electricity WG, Gas WG, Customer WG
  - **South-East Europe Coordinated Auction Office Implementation group**
- **Electricity Forum (Athens), Gas Forum (Maribor)**

# Regional integration beyond the EU: The Energy Community (2/2)



## Promoting Euro-Mediterranean regulation: MEDREG (1/2)

- **MEDREG** was created in Rome in **May 2006** (formally in November 2007) to **promote a stable, harmonized regulatory framework in the EU-Mediterranean energy market** to the benefits of energy consumers in both regions
  - **Composed of the representatives of regulatory authorities of Mediterranean basin** (or ministries of countries where an independent regulatory authority has not yet been established)
  - **4 Ad-Hoc Working Groups (AG):** Electricity AG; Natural Gas AG; Renewables, Environment and Sustainability AG; Institutional issues AG **and 2 Task Forces (TF):** MEDREG-European Investment bank TF; Infrastructures investments TF; ICER TF
  - **ICER Award winner in the category ‘impact on developing countries’** for its paper on: “Effects of the Introduction of Successful Mechanisms to Promote Energy Efficiency in Non-EU Countries”.

# Promoting Euro-Mediterranean regulation: MEDREG (2/2)



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# CEER bilateral relationship with other regional associations

- Since 2000, annual **EU-US Energy Regulators Roundtables**
- Bilateral roundtable with the **African Forum for Utility Regulators (AFUR)** in April 2009
  - *The experience of European Energy Regulators: what are the lessons for African regulators?*
- High-meeting with the **Iberian-American Regulators Association (ARIAE)** in April 2010
  - Emphasis on the importance of “*multi-lateral debates and information exchanges aiming to facilitate the creation of regional energy markets and the coordination of different public policies in the energy sectors and economic national situations*”



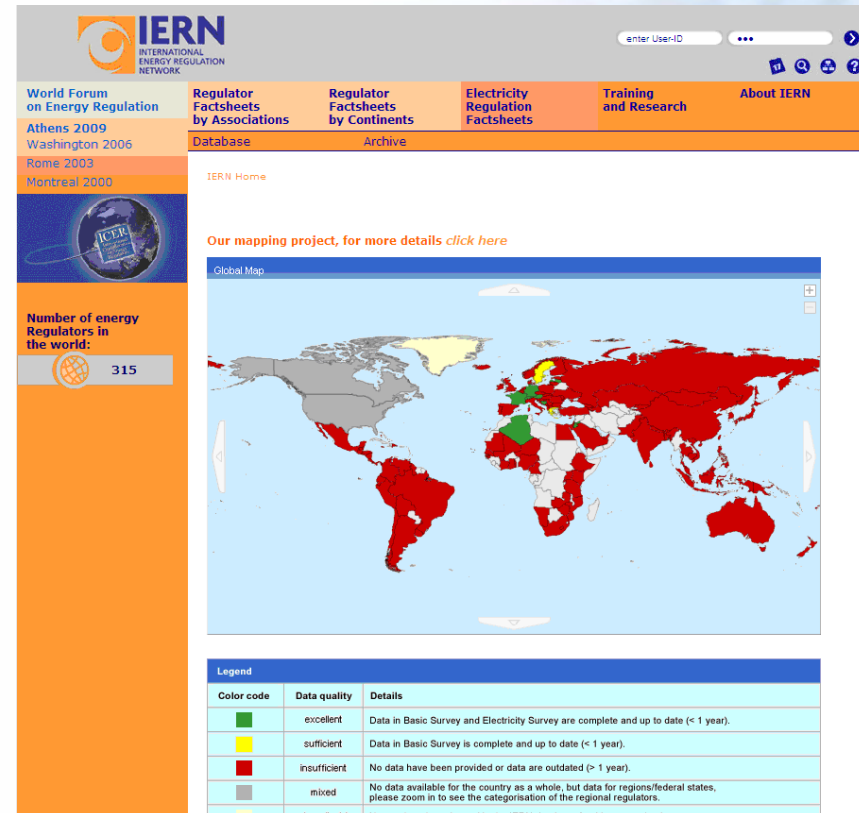
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# Multilateral platforms for dialogue

## The International Energy Regulatory Network

- **IERN offers online resources on:**
  - energy regulatory authorities and their associations;
  - training courses, conferences (including WFER) and publications;
- **First Mapping of the powers of the electricity regulators:**
  - Attracted significant interest
  - Initiated exchanges among participants on methodological aspects
- **eKikipedia pilot project (2010-2012)**
  - Innovative way of producing a knowledge database
  - To be launched in the coming months



The screenshot shows the IERN website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for 'World Forum on Energy Regulation', 'Regulator Factsheets by Associations', 'Regulator Factsheets by Continents', 'Electricity Regulation Factsheets', 'Training and Research', and 'About IERN'. Below the menu, there is a section for 'Our mapping project, for more details click here' which includes a 'Global Map' showing a world map with countries colored according to data quality. A legend below the map explains the color coding: green for 'excellent', yellow for 'sufficient', red for 'insufficient', and grey for 'mixed'. A sidebar on the left indicates 'Number of energy Regulators in the world: 315'.

Color code	Data quality	Details
Green	excellent	Data in Basic Survey and Electricity Survey are complete and up to date (< 1 year).
Yellow	sufficient	Data in Basic Survey is complete and up to date (< 1 year).
Red	insufficient	No data have been provided or data are outdated (> 1 year).
Grey	mixed	No data available for the country as a whole, but data for regions/federal states, please zoom in to see the categorisation of the regional regulators.

<http://www.iern.net/>

# Multilateral platforms for dialogue

## The G8+ Energy Regulators Roundtable

- **G8+ Energy Regulators perspectives towards a new world energy governance (May 2009):**
  - *Efficient and transparent international energy markets combined with a modernized energy infrastructure and effective utilization of both new and existing resources (...) are keys to a sustainable energy future*
  - *Efficient energy markets can significantly facilitate economic recovery (...), given that energy is a strategic crucial input for most production processes*
  
- **Joint Statement of the G8+5+10 Energy Ministers:**
  - *« Support and improve international predictable legal and regulatory frameworks as an essential prerequisite for well functioning energy markets and for reducing investment risks and uncertainties both in producing, transit and consuming countries. »*



**Importance of increasing cooperation towards efficient and effective regulation at national, regional and global levels**

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## World Forum on Energy Regulation

- **Four successful editions until now:**
  - Montreal (2000)
  - Rome (2003)
  - Washington (2006)
  - Athens (2009)
- **WFER V to be hosted by the Régie de l'Énergie in Quebec City in May 2012: Great expectations !**
- **Two major outcomes of WFER IV:**
  - The World Energy Regulators' **Statement on Climate Change**
  - The creation of the **International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER)** as a new step of cooperation: framework for translating our common goals in the bridging period until the next WFER

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## International Confederation of Energy Regulators

- **Four key areas of activities addressed by virtual working groups:**
  1. Reliability and security of supply
  2. The role of regulators in responding to climate change
  3. Competitiveness and affordability
  4. Education, training and best practices of regulators
- **Concrete outcomes**
  - **Report on Current Regulatory Practices for the Promotion of Energy Efficiency** released ahead of the G8 meeting of June 2010
  - Presentation of the **first ICER Distinguished Scholar Awards** during the 21st World Energy Congress in Montreal

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Thank you for your attention!

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