

## Dr Annegret Groebel is re-appointed President of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)

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Today, the General Assembly of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)<sup>1</sup> re-appointed Dr Annegret Groebel<sup>2</sup> as the CEER President for a second term. Dr Groebel's mandate as CEER President for another 2.5-year term takes effect on 24 July. She is supported by four Vice Presidents, Messrs Jean-Laurent Lastelle (CRE, France), Koen Locquet (CREG, Belgium), Wolfgang Urbantschitsch (E-Control, Austria) and Pedro Verdelho (ERSE, Portugal). Their term runs until mid-November 2022, equally for 2.5 years.

The CEER President, Dr Groebel stated,

***"I feel privileged and honoured to have the confidence of my colleagues at the General Assembly. I am excited to continue leading CEER's work in these important times of change in the energy sector. In the past months, we were working hard on defining our policy strategy<sup>3</sup> for coming years, and we, as regulators, are committed to Empowering Consumers for the Energy Transition."***



Dr Annegret Groebel, CEER President

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**Notes for Editors:**

1. The Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) is the voice of Europe's national energy regulators. Its Members and Observers are the independent statutory bodies responsible for energy regulation in 39 European countries. CEER, based in Brussels, deals with a broad range of energy issues including, retail markets and consumers, distribution networks, smart grids, flexibility, sustainability and international cooperation. Further information on the CEER website [www.ceer.eu](http://www.ceer.eu).
2. Dr Annegret Groebel is Director of International Relations at the [German Regulatory Authority for Electricity, Gas, Telecommunications, Post and Railway \(BNetzA\)](http://www.bnetz.de). Dr Groebel has worked for BNetzA since 1998. She has been CEER President since January 2019 and was a Vice President of CEER (member of the Board) since 2012. She also has chaired the CEER Market Integrity and Transparency (MIT) Working Group since 2013. Furthermore, she is a member of the Board of Regulators of the EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER). Dr Groebel has a doctorate in Economics from the University of Mannheim, a M.A. (Master of European Administrative Management) from FH Bund (Bruehl) and a Diploma in Economics from the University of Heidelberg. She has an excellent knowledge of the European regulatory framework for electronic communications as well as the regulatory framework for the internal energy market. She has experience in advising public authorities on regulatory reform and sector-specific regulation. She is actively involved in the Independent Regulators Group (IRG) work and the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC). Apart from her professional duties, she has also been lecturing for a considerable time on different subjects in economics, finance, social policy, trade policy and European Integration, as well as on the regulatory framework in the German and European telecommunications and energy markets at different universities and vocational training academies in Germany, the FSR in Italy, and Switzerland. Dr Groebel is the author of various publications in the fields of telecommunications and energy regulation.
3. CEER 2022-2025 Strategy Empowering Consumers for the Energy Transition (Ref. C21-SSG-06-05), published on 10 June 2021).  
The basis of the Strategy is that European energy regulators, with a view to promoting the energy transition and contributing to a carbon-neutral society and economy, are committed to “empowering consumers for the energy transition”, by:
  - Enabling energy system integration: integrating renewables and incentivising innovation;
  - Placing consumers at the centre of energy markets with consumer-centric dynamic regulation, empowering consumers to actively contribute to and benefit from a flexible energy system; and
  - Ensuring open, well-functioning and resilient markets nationally and in Europe: delivering flexibility and new business models.Download the Strategy document here: <https://www.ceer.eu/2050>

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