

Garrett Blaney is elected President of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)

Today, the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)¹ elected Garrett Blaney as the new CEER President. Mr Blaney's mandate as CEER President takes effect from 5 November 2017, for a 2.5 year term until 4 May 2020. He succeeds Lord Mogg as CEER President. On Monday, 18 September, Mr Blaney was elected as the new Chair of the Board of Regulators of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER).

Welcoming Mr Blaney, outgoing CEER President, Lord Mogg, stated

“The decision of energy regulators to elect Garrett on Monday last, as Chair of the Board of Regulators of their EU Agency (ACER) and, today, as President of their European association (CEER) sends the clear message of national regulators’ single voice in favour of a truly European energy market where consumers come first.”



Garrett Blaney, CEER President

The CEER President-elect, Mr Blaney stated,

“New technology, cost-effective decarbonisation and a cross-border trading are major issues facing the energy sector. I am excited about leading the CEER membership of energy regulators in addressing the key challenges in a way which delivers positive outcomes for all European energy consumers”.

In October, CEER will elect up to 5 Vice Presidents who will support Mr Blaney in leading CEER, the association of European energy regulators.

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Ends (see Notes for Editors)

Notes for Editors:

1. The Council of European Energy Regulatory (CEER) is the voice of Europe's national energy regulators. A not-for-profit association in Belgium, CEER brings together 36 national regulatory authorities (NRAs) from EU Member States, EFTA and EU accession countries including (since 2015) the Contracting Party Members of the Energy Community Treaty.
CEER Members: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.
CEER Observers: Bosnia & Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro and Switzerland.
2. CEER has been supporting regulatory cooperation and promoting competitive energy markets since it was established in 2000. CEER supports its NRAs in their daily responsibilities, sharing experience and developing regulatory capacity including through the CEER training academy. Through our own internal cooperation, our strong bi-lateral links with other regional associations of regulators and our active participation in the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER), CEER fosters cooperation between energy regulators across the globe.
3. Mr Blaney, an Irish national and Electrical Engineer, has worked as a Commissioner of the Irish regulatory authority, the Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) for the past 7 years. He chaired the CER from February 2014 – February 2017. He was educated at Queen's University, Belfast. Before becoming a regulator, he worked in senior roles for both private and public companies. He has over 30 years' experience in the energy sector. At European level, Mr Blaney is a member of the General Assembly of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) and of the Board of Regulators of the EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) since 2012. He has co-chaired the CEER's Distribution Systems working group for the past 3 years.

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