

## **CEER appoints Māra Bērziņa as new Secretary-General**

Brussels, 1 February 2024 – The Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)<sup>1</sup> announces today the appointment of Māra Bērziṇa as its new Secretary General.

Having previously held a leadership role at the Public Utilities Commission of Latvia (PUC), Ms Bērziņa brings a wealth of experience in energy regulation to her new position. As Secretary General, she will play a key role in developing and implementing CEER's strategic objectives alongside CEER members, while leading the CEER Secretariat team in Brussels.



Ms Māra Bērziņa, CEER Secretary General

CEER President Annegret Groebel stated: "I am very happy to welcome Māra Bērziņa as our new Secretary General. Her extensive experience and leadership qualities will help to steer the CEER Secretariat as we navigate the challenges and opportunities facing European energy markets. Her role will be pivotal in pushing the implementation of our consumer-centred strategy 'Empowering Consumers for the Energy Transition'2".

"It is an honour for me to take on the role of Secretary General at CEER," said Ms Bērziņa. "I look forward to working closely with CEER Members and Observers to address the complex regulatory issues facing the European energy sector and to drive positive change for consumers and the environment."

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## **Notes for Editors:**

- 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.
- 2. 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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