

## President, two Chairs and two Co-Chairs re-elected at Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)

Ljubljana, 12 December 2023

Today, the General Assembly of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)<sup>1</sup> re-appointed Dr Annegret Groebel (BNetzA, Germany) as the CEER President for a third term. Dr Groebel's mandate takes effect on 24 January 2024 and will run for the next 2.5 years. She is supported by five Vice Presidents, Jana Haasová (ERÚ, Czech Republic), Koen Locquet (CREG, Belgium), Alda Ozola (PUC, Latvia), Wolfgang Urbantschitsch (E-Control, Austria) and Pedro Verdelho (ERSE, Portugal). Their term runs until 11 May 2025, equally for 2.5 years.



Dr Annegret Groebel, CEER President

During the same General Assembly meeting, CEER also re-elected Ms Christine Materazzi-Wagner (E-Control, Austria) as Chair of the Electricity Working Group (EWG) and Mr Veli-Pekka Saajo (Ev, Finland) as Chair of the Distribution Systems Working Group. Additionally, the General Assembly re-appointed Ms Esther Espeja (CNMC, Spain) and Dr Groebel to continue to Co-Chair the Market Integrity and Transparency Working Group.



Ms Christine Materazzi-Wagner, Electricity Working Group Chair



Ms Esther Espeja, Market Integrity and Transparency Working Group Co-Chair



Mr Veli-Pekka Saajo, Distribution Systems Working Group Chair

The CEER President, Dr Groebel stated:

***“I feel privileged and honoured that my colleagues at the General Assembly have placed their confidence in me for a third term. I am excited to lead CEER’s work on delivering our consumer-centred strategy “Empowering the consumer for the energy transition”<sup>2</sup> at this timely moment. I also warmly welcome the re-appointment of three existing Chairs and Co-Chair. Their expertise is vital to navigate these challenging times for the energy sector. Recently, we have been focusing on the new legislative and regulatory framework to ensure that it will work in favour of all European consumers. As regulators, we are committed to a successful green transition that leaves no one behind.”***

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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. 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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