

## CEER Seminar for Senior Staff and Board members of NRAs on European institutions and developments

17-18 March 2015

*DRAFT PROGRAMME*

### MODULE 1 – European institutions and developments

Tuesday, 17 March 2015

10:00-18:00

#### SESSION 1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*This intensive and exclusive 2-day programme will give senior regulators key insights into how energy policy discussions, developments and structures at EU level significantly affect regulators and energy markets in their day-to-day functioning and growth. It offers a unique opportunity to learn from fellow senior regulators, policy-makers and energy actors directly involved in energy policy development and implementation.*

10:00 – 10:15 Introduction of the course and roundtable introduction of participants

- Lord Mogg | CEER, President

#### SESSION 2 OVERVIEW OF EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS – THEORY VS. REALITY

*This session offers a tour d’horizon of the major actors involved in European energy policy development. Over the last 10 years, energy markets have increasingly attracted political interest and seen significant legislative action at EU-level with this extensive legal framework aimed at delivering a single European energy market. During the session, we will discuss the role of each of the relevant European bodies and institutions, including an introduction to legislative processes and European actors as well as the approaches to influencing the energy policy debate at European level.*

10:15 – 11:30 The key European Institutions: bodies and decision-making processes, the new functioning of the European Commission, the role of the Regulatory Fora

- Edith Hofer | European Commission, Office of the Director General for Energy
- Klaus Baier | European Parliament HoU, ITRE Committee Secretariat (tbc)

*Questions and Discussion*

11:30 – 11:45 *Coffee Break*

11:45 – 12:45 The structure, role and processes of the European Networks for Transmission System Operators (ENTSOs)

- Konstantin Staschus | ENTSO-E, Secretary General
- Vittorio Musazzi | ENTSOG, General Manager

*Questions and Discussion*

12:45 – 13:15 Other energy actors and lobbying bodies: working in the Brussels energy circle

- Natalie McCoy | CEER, Secretary General

13:15 – 14:15 *Lunch Break*

**SESSION 3 TOUR OF CEER OFFICE – MEET THE STAFF**

15 mins

**SESSION 4 POLICY DEVELOPMENTS**

*Led by senior regulators active in CEER and ACER activities, this session will provide a practical and candid introduction to the evolution of energy policy in Europe and the current (and anticipated) policy developments. It will also focus on the European energy legislative framework, the role of energy regulation and EU level cooperation towards promoting markets and sound regulation.*

14:30 – 15:30 The evolution of Europe's energy markets and regulation: strategic and political aspects, including relations with national/EU policy makers and market actors

- David Haldearn | CEER, Advisor to CEER President

*Questions and Discussion*

15:30 – 15:45 *Coffee Break*

15:45 – 16:45 The EU energy acquis: key EU energy legislative framework (3rd Package, REMIT, TEN-E, Energy Efficiency, Renewables)

- Walter Boltz | CEER Vice President & Gas WG Chair

16:45 – 17:45 The energy agenda: future developments (Bridge to 2025, EU priorities of security of supply, competitiveness & sustainability; possible new areas of legislation; consumers and international)

- Annegret Groebel | CEER Vice President & Chair of Market Integrity and Transparency WG

- Daniel Muether | CEER European Policy Unit Chair

*Questions and Discussion*

**17:45 – 18:00**                      *Wrap up of Day 1*

**20:00 – 22:00**    *Dinner with GA members*  
*(location tbc)*

**- END FIRST DAY -**

**Wednesday, 18 March 2015**  
**09:00-17:00**

## **SESSION 5 VISIT TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

*The European Parliament (EP) has a crucial role in shaping EU energy legislation which is then applied at national level. Regulators have built longstanding and strong relations with the EP – whose members support competitive market goals and are keenly concerned about customers, prices and sustainability. The coffee chat with an MEP will provide a valuable opportunity to see behind the institutional façade and learn about the political process first hand from a Parliament member. A dynamic interactive visitor's centre will also offer a virtual trip through Europe, the integration process and the workings of the institution – in 24 languages!*

09:00 – 10:00 Self-guided tour through the European Parliament interactive visitor's centre (entrance: esplanade du Luxembourg, 1050 Brussels)

10:15 – 11:00 Coffee chat with a Member of the European Parliament (name tbc)

## **SESSION 6 MEETING AND LUNCH WITH EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

*As the initiator (and enforcer) of EU policy and legislation, the European Commission (EC) is a crucial counterpart for energy regulators. We will meet with key senior contacts at the Directorate General for Energy – exchange views and receive an overview of the EC's priorities and ongoing activities for energy markets in Europe. In addition to collective cooperation with the EC, NRAs often have bilateral relations (vis-à-vis national market developments, implementation, etc.) with EC officials.*

11:30 – 14:00 Meeting and lunch with EC staff: Klaus-Dieter Borchardt – Director and acting HoU for Security of Supply; Florian Ermacora – HoU for Wholesale markets, electricity & gas; Catharina Sikow-Magny - HoU for Networks and Regional Initiatives; Jan Panek - HoU for Retail markets; coal & oil

## **SESSION 7 CEER AND ACER**

*This final session focuses on regulators' collective activities as CEER and ACER (their distinct roles and structures) as well as the role for senior NRA staff, including the internal decision-making processes. It will also provide solid grounding on regulators' on-going priorities and activities, including the practical and working aspects of building and delivering regulatory expertise and recommendations as part of our high level goal to facilitate the creation of a single, competitive, efficient and sustainable Internal Energy Market that works in the public interest.*

14:00 – 15:30            Overview of CEER and ACER roles, including structure, organisation and areas of activity for each body; who's who; legal foundations of ACER; and respective 2015 work programmes

- Lord Mogg | CEER President
- Fay Geitona | ACER NRA Coordinator

*Questions and Discussion*

15:30 – 16:30            Role of NRAs within CEER and ACER – GA, BoR, Working Groups and the decision-making processes

- Koen Locquet | Training WG Chair & Implementation, Benchmarking & Monitoring WG Chair
- Natalie McCoy | CEER Secretary General

*Questions and Discussion*

16:30 – 17:00            General Discussion and Course Wrap-up

**- END OF SEMINAR -**

## MODULE 2 – Multi-utility Regulation: Synergies and Challenges

Thursday, 19 March 2015  
10:00-16:00

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*This optional module is intended to offer regulators the opportunity to learn about the fundamentals of multi-utility regulation and to discover organisational and operational synergies, opportunities and challenges as well as key considerations when merging regulatory authorities under one single national body.*

10:00 – 10:20 Introduction to multi-utility regulation - rationale and organisation of multi-sector regulatory authorities

- Professor Koen Verhoest | Antwerp University

10:20 – 11:45 Panel discussion on the fundamentals of multi-utility regulation

- a) Institutional aspects (independence, Board structure, budget, decision-making, distribution of issues and powers)
- b) Tasks (sectors, sectoral tasks, cooperation with other sectors, e.g. competition authorities)
- c) Organisational aspects of multi-utility authorities (back-office)
- d) Pros and cons of multi-utility regulation

- Mr Remko Bos | Director of Energy Department, ACM, The Netherlands
- Mr Fernando Hernandez | Director General for Energy, CNMC, Spain
- Prof Edvins Karnitis | Advisor to PUC Chairman, Latvia
- Ms Annegret Groebel | Head of International Coordination, BNetzA, Germany

11:45 – 12:00 *Coffee Break*

12:00 – 13:00 National case studies – lessons learned and practical experiences in preparing for, adapting to and working on energy within a merged authority

- Panel members

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00 – 15:00 Continuation of national case studies, general discussion and exchange of national experiences

- Panel members

15:00 – 15:45          Recap and academic perspective on multi-utility regulation

- Professor Koen Verhoest | Antwerp University

15:45 – 16:00          Wrap up and closing

**- END OF SEMINAR -**