

CEER welcomes the Georgian Energy Regulator (GNERC)

The Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC¹) has joined the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER²). GNERC joins CEER as an Observer, with effect from 1 July 2017.

Welcoming GNERC, the CEER President, **Lord Mogg** said:

“CEER is the voice of national energy regulators throughout Europe. We warmly welcome GNERC to our pool of experts and look forward to working together to make Clean Energy for all Europeans a reality.”

GNERC Chair, **Ms Irina Milorava**, added:

“GNERC is committed to implementing Europe’s energy laws and to further integrating our markets within the Energy Community and the rest of Europe. Joining CEER will help us in this objective.”

CEER serves as a platform for energy regulators within and beyond the borders of the EU-28 Member States of the European Union³. CEER’s broad vision of encompassing key transit countries and countries on the periphery of Europe in close energy dialogue and regulatory cooperation is aligned with the external dimension of the Energy Union.

In late 2015, CEER opened its doors to the Contracting Party Members of the Energy Community region. GNERC is the 6th national regulatory authority (NRA) from the Energy Community region to join CEER. CEER brings together 36 national regulatory authorities (NRAs) from EU Member States, EFTA and EU accession countries, including from the Energy Community⁴.

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Notes for Editors:

1. The Georgian Energy Regulator (GERC) is the independent national electricity regulator of Georgia. GERC promotes development of Energy and Water Supply Sectors within the competence of the Commission; create legal basis and to balance consumers' and regulated companies' interest for the purpose of effective regulation of the sector; implement new standards of transparency and independence in the tariff setting process. See <http://www.gnerc.org>
2. The Council of European Energy Regulatory (CEER) is the voice of Europe's national energy regulators. Its members and observers are the independent statutory bodies responsible for energy regulation at national level. Visit www.ceer.eu. A not-for-profit association in Belgium, CEER brings together 34 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

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