

## New CEER International Strategy Reflects European Regulators’ Growing Commitment to the Neighbourhood and World

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In response to the rapidly evolving international energy landscape, the Council of European Energy regulators (CEER) announces today the launch of its refreshed [2023 International Strategy](#). This strategic update underscores CEER’s dedication to enhancing international cooperation beyond the EU, while staying abreast of global policy and regulatory developments and forging partnerships with regulators worldwide – a renewed impulse driven by the proven benefits of close cooperation with international stakeholders in light of the energy crisis. A particular focus is given to building closer ties with neighbourhood regulators such as those from the Eastern European Partnership or Mediterranean countries.

Building on CEER’s values of peer-to-peer collaboration, active involvement in decarbonisation efforts, and empowering consumers for the energy transition, the new strategy will focus on three primary objectives:

1. **Welcoming and stimulating dialogue:** CEER is committed to foster constructive dialogue with international partners, initiating new connections with energy regulators and consolidating established links.
2. **Promoting high standards:** CEER seeks to promote and uphold the highest standards of regulation for independent regulators across the globe.
3. **Contributing to the energy transition:** CEER is determined to play an active role in the global energy transition, aligning with the European Union’s ambition of external energy engagement, as published in May 2022.

CEER President Annegret Groebel notes that *“Coordinated efforts are of crucial importance to ensure global decarbonisation and sustainable energy security for citizens worldwide as well as empowering consumers to participate actively in the energy transition thereby contributing to and benefiting from it.”*

Claire Hellich-Praquin, Chair of the CEER International Relations Group emphasises that *“CEER aims to become a natural link to Europe for non-EU regulators while enhancing relations with regulatory associations and stakeholders across the globe.”*

CEER has a strong track record of providing technical assistance on legislative and regulatory frameworks in multiple regions, building capacity in non-EU regulators, delivering training programs to support the clean energy transition, and enhancing the voice of European regulators on the international stage. These cooperative actions will form the founding blocks of its future work with international partners.

For more, please visit the CEER website’s dedicated page at [https://www.ceer.eu/eeer\\_international](https://www.ceer.eu/eeer_international)

[Download the CEER 2023 International Strategy.](#)

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1. 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 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 <https://www.ceer.eu/>

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