

Regulators see competitive markets as key to safeguarding Europe's security of supply

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During today's showcase annual conference, the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER¹) assembled regulators, European Commission officials and energy sector representatives for a high level discussion on safeguarding Europe's security of electricity and gas supply.

Highlighting that competitive markets underpin the Energy Union's security of supply objective as well as regulators' own work, Lord Mogg, CEER President explained:

"Energy regulators contribute to Europe's energy security. Inmarket design and its regulation, regulators help ensure an appropriate investment climate for infrastructure, and by reinforcing best regulatory practices within and beyond Europe."

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Today, 2 new CEER reports were announced. Firstly, the CEER's report on "[key support elements for Renewables \(RES\) in Europe: moving towards market integration](#)" is a key input in the future European energy system where RES will play a key role in achieving the transition towards a low-carbon energy system:

Secondly, CEER will soon publish an LNG report. It shows how regulators' work contributes to the security of supply debate and in particular the expected adoption of the European Union strategy for LNG and gas storage.

Tim Gould (International Energy Agency) explained that the COP21 pledges hasten a shift in the focus away from external gas security (e.g. import dependency) towards internal (e.g. infrastructure, storage and flexibility).

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The conference was also the opportunity to announce new beginnings with [CEER's 2016 work programme](#) and the appointment of Andrew Ebrill as CEER's new Secretary General. Welcoming Andrew, Lord Mogg said:

"Given Andrew's extensive energy and management experience, he is well placed to manage the CEER Secretariat and lead the many initiatives of our European association of energy regulators, delivering better regulation for energy markets to thrive."

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1. The Council of European Energy Regulatory (CEER) is the European association and voice of 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 33 national regulatory authorities (NRAs) from EU Member States, EFTA and EU accession countries including Contracting Party Members of the Energy Community Treaty. CEER is at the forefront of efforts to foster competitive energy markets and empower consumers through sound and independent regulation. Working collectively through CEER, NRAs develop forward-thinking proposals at EU level, spreading best practice and delivering solutions back within NRAs.

2. The CEER 2016 work programme has four main priority areas:
 - Consumers and retail markets;
 - New legislative/policy developments;
 - The changing role and regulation of distribution networks; and
 - International work beyond the borders of the EU.

3. Andrew Ebrill is joining CEER from Ireland's Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) where he has worked for the last 15 years and in recent years has been manager of Market Modelling and Media Relations / Business Information. Andrew is an Irish national. With an Economics training, he has extensive professional experience in both leading electricity and gas policy from a regulatory perspective and managing people and operations. Whilst working in the Irish national regulatory authority (NRA), Andrew has been active in various ACER and CEER activities. Andrew takes up his 3 year appointment as CEER Secretary General on 29 February 2016. His predecessor, Ms Natalie McCoy, after more than 4 years resigned as CEER Secretary General to head up international affairs for ERSE, the Portuguese NRA.

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