

Moldova joins the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)

Today CEER, the European association of energy regulators¹ admitted Moldova as an Observer, with effect from 1 January 2017.

Moldova's National Energy Regulatory Agency (ANRE)² is the latest national regulatory authority (NRA) from the Energy Community to join CEER.

Welcoming ANRE, CEER President, **Lord Mogg** said:

"2016 was a major milestone for Moldova with the new electricity and gas laws. We welcome Moldova to CEER and will help ANRE implement the 3rd Package requirements. Moldova's participation in CEER will be of mutual benefit. Together we will work together to better integrate energy markets throughout Europe and its neighbouring regions."

Mr Sergiu Ciobanu, Director of ANRE, said:

"Being a European regulator is not something we take for granted in Moldova. Joining CEER brings the benefit of a network of fellow regulators willing and able to share their experience implementing Europe's energy laws, best practices and on the job training for our staff."

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.

CEER brings together 34 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 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.
2. Established in 1997, the National Energy Regulatory Agency (ANRE) is the independent regulatory authority vested with regulatory and monitoring powers so as to fulfil its mission of ensuring non-discrimination, fair competition, and efficient functioning of the energy market. ANRE regulates petroleum products, the natural gas, electricity, heat and renewable energy sectors. Further information on www.anre.md/en.
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: Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro and Switzerland.

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