

## CEER welcomes Bosnia and Herzegovina

The State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERC<sup>1</sup>) of Bosnia and Herzegovina has joined the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER<sup>2</sup>). The CEER General Assembly, today, admitted SERC as an Observer, with effect from 1 January 2017.

In late 2015, CEER opened its doors to the Contracting Party Members of the Energy Community region. SERC is the 5th national regulatory authority (NRA) from the Energy Community region to join CEER.

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

*“As the European association of energy regulators, one of our strengths is that we are the regulatory practitioners of Europe’s energy laws. We are delighted to share with SERC our expertise implementing EU energy laws and solving together regional energy market challenges.”*

SERC Chair, **Mr Suad Zeljković**, added:

*“Joining CEER provides valuable additional expertise to SERC, a national regulator who is committed to regional energy market integration in the Western Balkans and to implementing Europe’s energy laws.”*

CEER serves as a platform for energy regulators within and beyond the borders of the EU-28 Member States of the European Union<sup>3</sup>. 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 35 national regulatory authorities (NRAs) from EU Member States, EFTA and EU accession countries, including from the Energy Community<sup>4</sup>.

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1. The State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERC) is the independent national electricity regulator of Bosnia and Herzegovina. SERC, established in year 2003, regulates the transmission of electricity, transmission system operations and international trade in electricity. Since 2009, SERC is also responsible for the regulation of the generation, distribution and supply of electricity customers in the Brčko district of Bosnia and Herzegovina. See [www.derk.ba](http://www.derk.ba).
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](http://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), Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro and Switzerland.

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