

CEER Commissioner-Level Seminar on Managing European and National Agendas on Energy Regulation

29-30 March 2017

CEER Office, Cours Saint-Michel 30a (5th floor), 1040 Brussels

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

With the recent publication of the European Commission's proposals on "Clean Energy for All Europeans", it is very important for senior staff of National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) to understand European energy policy, how it is developed by the EU and the role that NRAs can play in influencing it, both at European and national level.

This intensive and exclusive 2-day programme provides a unique opportunity for Commissioner-level and senior-level NRA staff to learn of the evolving European energy policy and to exchange views with the key players at the European Parliament, European Commission, CEER and ACER, including on the "Clean Energy for All Europeans" proposals and the new challenges for regulators. Participants will benefit from a lively discussion on governance issues, the changing roles of regulators in the EU, regional and national framework and approaches in advising and briefing national Governments and Ministries. It will also provide participants with useful regulatory good practices which contribute to strengthening regulatory oversight and market confidence. The programme offers a first-hand opportunity to learn from fellow senior regulators, policy-makers and energy actors who are directly involved in energy regulatory policy development and implementation.

Wednesday, 29 March 2017

10:30-17:45

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

10:30 – 10:45 Introduction of the course and roundtable introduction of participants

- **Lord Mogg | CEER President and Chair of ACER's Board of Regulators (tbc)**

SESSION 1 OVERVIEW OF EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS – THEORY VS. REALITY

Chair: Lord Mogg

This session offers a tour d'horizon of the major actors involved in European energy policy development. With a focus on the European Commission's new proposals on "Clean Energy for All Europeans", we will discuss the role of each of the relevant European institutions, including an introduction to legislative processes and European actors as well as the approaches to influencing the energy policy debate at European level.

10:45 – 12:15 The key European Institutions: bodies and decision-making processes, the functioning of the European Commission, the role of the Regulatory Fora

- **Ms Edith Hofer | European Commission, Secretariat General, Directorate D – Policy Coordination**

Questions and Discussion

12:15 – 13:00 The legislative process and the role of the European Parliament regarding the “Clean Energy for All Europeans” proposals

- **Mr Mikael Kekkonen | European Parliament, Directorate-General for Internal Policies**

Questions and Discussion

SESSION 2 MEETING AND LUNCH WITH EUROPEAN COMMISSION

As the initiator (and enforcer) of EU policy and legislation, the European Commission (EC) is a crucial counterpart for energy regulators. We will meet with key senior contacts at the EC’s Directorate General for Energy, exchange views and receive an overview of the “Clean Energy proposals”. In addition to collective cooperation with the EC, we will explore how NRAs can develop bilateral relations with EC officials.

13:00 – 14:30 Meeting and lunch with:
EC staff: Mr Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, Director of Directorate B;
Florian Ermacora – HoU for Wholesale markets, electricity & gas;
Catharina Sikow-Magny - HoU for Networks and Regional Initiatives;
Anna Colucci - HoU for Retail markets; coal & oil;
Stefan Moser – HoU for Security of Supply; Olivier Silla – HoU INEA
(place: tbc)

SESSION 3 CEER, ACER AND OTHER EUROPEAN BODIES

Chair: Lord Mogg

This session focuses on regulators’ collective activities as CEER and ACER as well as the role for senior NRA staff, including the internal decision-making processes. It will provide a solid grounding on regulators’ on-going priorities and activities as part of our high level goal to facilitate the creation of a single, competitive, efficient and sustainable Internal Energy Market. It will also include the roles and tasks of other relevant European bodies who contribute to the creation of Internal Energy Market.

14:30 – 16:00 Overview of CEER and ACER roles, structure, organisation and areas of activity for each body; respective 2017 work programmes and regulators’ ongoing work regarding EC’s Clean Energy proposals

- **Lord Mogg | CEER President and Chair of ACER’s Board of Regulators (tbc)**
- **Mr Alberto Pototschnig | ACER Director**

Questions and Discussion

16:00 – 16:15 *Coffee Break*

16:15 – 17:45 The structure, role and processes of the European Networks for Transmission System Operators (ENTSOs)

- **Mr Laurent Schmitt | ENTSO-E Secretary General**
- **Mr Jan Ingwersen | ENTSOG General Manager**

Questions and Discussion

17:45 – 18:00 **Wrap up of Day 1**

18:00 – 19:00 *Reception drinks – For those who wish to join, we will host a drinks reception at the CEER office – all participants and lecturers welcome!*

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Thursday, 30 March 2017
09:00-16:45

SESSION 4 KEY LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

Chair: Mr Andrew Ebrill

Led by senior regulators active in CEER and ACER activities, this session will provide a practical and candid introduction to the evolution of energy policy in Europe and the new policy developments, including the “Clean Energy proposals” and the new challenges for regulators.

09:00 – 09:45 The evolution of Europe’s energy markets and regulation and the future developments: Regulators’ Bridge to 2025, Clean Energy proposals

- **Ms Annegret Groebel | CEER Vice President**

Questions and Discussion

09:45 – 10:30 New challenges for regulators under the Clean Energy proposals (renewables, incentivisation, innovation, the growing role of DSOs, etc.)

- **Mr Remko Bos | CEER Vice President**

Questions and Discussion

SESSION 5 VISIT TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The European Parliament (EP) has a crucial role in shaping EU energy legislation which is then applied at national level. The coffee chat with an MEP will provide a valuable opportunity to see behind the institutional façade and learn about the political process first hand from a Parliament member.

11:00 – 11:45 Tour of EP and Meet a Member of the European Parliament
(Mr Claude Turmes, MEP, Rapporteur for the proposal for a regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union)

12:00 – 13:00 *Lunch Break (CEER office)*

TOUR OF CEER OFFICE – MEET THE STAFF

15 mins

SESSION 6 REGULATORY OVERSIGHT AT NATIONAL AND EU LEVEL

Chair: Ms Una Shortall

This final session will provide the participants with useful regulatory good practices which contribute to strengthening regulatory oversight and market confidence. It addresses governance issues and the changing roles of regulators in the EU, regional and national framework. It also includes a lively discussion on approaches in advising and briefing national Governments and Ministries in the context of the new legislative proposals.

13:00 – 13:45 How regulators apply the regulatory good practices to strengthen regulatory oversight and market confidence

- **Ms Una Shortall | CEER Deputy Secretary General**

Questions and Discussion

13:45 – 14:30 Governance issues and the changing roles of regulators in the EU, regional and national framework

- **Ms Fay Geitona | ACER Senior NRA Coordinator**

Questions and Discussion

14:30 – 16:30 Panel discussion: How regulators advise and brief national Governments and Ministries on the energy policy agenda and regulatory framework at national and EU level

- **Ms Marie-Pierre Fauconnier | CEER Vice President**
- **Mr Tomislav Jureković | CEER Vice President**
- **Lecturer (tbc)**

Questions and Discussion

16:30 – 16:45 **Wrap-up and closing**

- END OF SEMINAR -