

## Dr Annegret Groebel is elected President of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)

Today, the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)<sup>1</sup> elected Dr Annegret Groebel as the new CEER President. Dr Groebel's mandate as CEER President takes immediate effect and runs until 4 May 2020. She succeeds Garrett Blaney who had been elected CEER President for a 2.5 year term from 5 November 2017 until 4 May 2020, but who resigned in December 2018.

The new CEER President, Dr Groebel stated,

***“My key focus in the months ahead is to deliver on CEER’s 3D strategy – Digitalisation in the consumer interest, Decarbonisation at least cost, and Dynamic regulation. I look forward to open dialogue with the many energy actors whose contribution we as regulators value enormously, as we work together for clean energy for all Europeans”.***



Dr. Groebel, CEER President

The President is supported by up to 5 Vice Presidents.

**Ends (see Notes for Editors)**

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**Notes for Editors:**

1. The Council of European Energy Regulatory (CEER) is the voice of Europe's national energy regulators. A not-for-profit association in Belgium, CEER brings together 37 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.  
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), Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Switzerland.
2. 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.
3. Dr Groebel is a Director of International Relations at the German Regulatory Authority for Electricity, Gas, Telecommunications, Post and Railway (BNetzA). Dr. Annegret Groebel has worked for BNetzA since 1998. She is CEER Vice President of CEER since 2012 and she chairs the CEER Market Integration and Transparency (MIT) Working Group since 2013. She is a member of the Board of Regulators of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER). Dr Groebel has a PhD in Economics from the University of Mannheim, a M.A. (Master of European Administrative Management) from FH Bund (Bruehl) and a Diploma in Economics from the University of Heidelberg. She has an excellent knowledge of the European regulatory framework for electronic communications and as well as the regulatory framework for the internal energy market. She has experience in advising public authorities on regulatory reform and sector specific regulation and is actively involved in the work of the European Regulators Group (ERG) and of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC). Apart from her professional duties, she has also been lecturing for a considerable time on different subjects in economics, finance, social policy, trade policy and European Integration, as well as on the regulatory framework in the German and European telecommunications and energy markets at different universities and vocational training academies in Germany, the FSR in Italy, and Switzerland. Dr. Annegret Groebel is the author of various publications in the field of telecommunications and energy regulation.

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