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**CEER elects five Vice Presidents to two-and-a-half-year terms**

Yesterday, at a meeting of its General Assembly, the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)<sup>1</sup>, the voice of Europe’s energy regulators, elected two new Vice Presidents, Ms Jana Haasová (ERÚ, Czech Republic) and Ms Alda Ozola (PUC, Latvia) to the CEER Board of Directors. They will join existing Vice Presidents Mr Koen Locquet (CREG, Belgium), Mr Wolfgang Urbantschitsch (E-Control, Austria) and Mr Pedro Verdelho (ERSE, Portugal), who were re-elected to another term.

The elections were held as the current Board reaches the end of its 2.5-year mandate. The newly elected Board’s term will start on 12 November and run until 11 May 2025. The five Vice Presidents, along with CEER President Annegret Groebel, compose CEER’s Board of Directors and give strategic guidance to the organisation. CEER particularly welcomes the two new Vice Presidents, who bring gender and geographic diversity to CEER’s Board of Directors.



Vice President Jana Haasová,  
Head of International Affairs,  
ERÚ (Czech regulator) and Co-  
Chair of CEER’s Customers and  
Retail Markets Working Group



Vice President Koen Locquet,  
Acting President,  
CREG (Belgian regulator) and  
Chair of CEER’s Legal Affairs  
Committee



Vice President Alda Ozola,  
Chair of the Board,  
PUC (Latvian regulator)



Vice President Wolfgang  
Urbantschitsch,  
Executive Director,  
E-Control (Austrian regulator)



Vice President Pedro Verdelho,  
President of the Board  
ERSE (Portuguese regulator) and Chair of  
CEER’s Gas Working Group

CEER has also elected Ms Claire Hellich-Praquin (CRE, France) as its International Relations Group Chair, to fill a vacancy for this position.



IRG Chair Claire Hellich-Praquin,  
Director, Directorate for European &  
International Affairs and Cooperation,  
CRE (French regulator)

Welcoming the new CEER Vice Presidents and IRG Chair, **President Annegret Groebel** said:

**“I warmly welcome our new Vice Presidents to the CEER Board, together with the re-election of three existing Vice Presidents. I look forward to working with my fellow Board members and all our energy regulators in delivering our consumer-centred strategy. It is imperative that we continue to cooperate closely in such extraordinary and challenging times. I am also pleased to welcome our new IRG Chair, who will work on important international issues and priorities in collaboration with other international regulatory associations.”**

**Ends (see Notes for Editors)**

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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 in 39 European countries. CEER, based in Brussels, deals with a broad range of energy issues including retail markets and consumers; distribution networks; smart grids; flexibility; sustainability; and international cooperation.

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