



SPECIALISED CEER TRAINING

Training on Network Incentive Regulation and Benchmarking

08—09 MARCH 2023

ONLINE

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Real life case
studies



Hands-on
assignments



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materials



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activities



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WHAT IS THIS COURSE ABOUT?

Energy network revenues and tariffs are commonly set by energy regulators to help ensure value for money, security of supply and efficiency for consumers while incentivising a high quality network service. In free markets, competition leads companies to choose strategies that guarantee the best performance at the best price. As energy networks are by nature monopolistic markets, energy regulators had to implement a system ensuring a similar outcome.

In addition, there are now significant policy developments impacting networks' businesses. Innovation, flexibility or digitalisation can provide network efficiency and other performance outcomes. Resulting benefits should be balanced with the costs for customers. There is also a clear distinction between incentives for DSOs and TSOs through allowed revenues and incentives for network users through network and connection tariffs.

Energy regulators must carefully evaluate the costs of regulating the framework to determine a fair return on capital while ensuring that customers do not pay more than necessary. This allowed revenue is then recovered via network tariffs, which are carefully designed to reflect the costs of serving network users.



CEER's training programme is built around three key features:

1

Practitioner method

2

Regulator centric

3

Collaborative atmosphere



Who should attend

This course is designed for experts from NRAs with previous experience in network regulation and experts from National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) who want to improve their expertise and exchange experiences. Other experts from European Institutions (ACER, European Commission) are also invited to attend. A basic knowledge of statistical methods is advantageous.



Valuable insights

In-depth discussions during the course will cover:

- A set of fundamental principles on the work of energy NRAs in tariff-setting: system reliability, cost efficiency, non-discrimination, transparency, stability and predictability;
- principles on the key building-blocks for NRAs in setting allowed network revenues – including appropriate operational costs, investment levels and return on capital;
- designing the associated network tariffs.



Key take-aways

Participants will gain a better understanding of the following:

- Key principles of incentive regulation
- Relationship between revenues, tariffs, building blocks of regulation
- Future direction of network tariff structures in gas and electricity
- Obstacles and challenges of implementation
- Results of reporting and monitoring and case studies at the national level

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

WEEK 1

27 FEBREUARY –3 MARCH 2023

Online live session with the participants 1 March at 11:00 CET

Individual preparation for the course including literature review, reading materials and preparation of course work.

WEEK 2

CLASS 1 – 14:00–17:00 (CET) ON 8 MARCH 2023

Network incentive regulation – Principles and practices

CLASS 2 – 09:00–17:10 (CET) ON 9 MARCH 2023

International and European benchmarking practices
Pan European benchmarking practices

LEARNING JOURNEY

WEEK 1



- Offline preparation (Reading materials and assignments)
- Submission of the assignments

WEEK 2



Attending the one-and-a-half-day course online/onsite in the CEER Secretariat Premises, Brussels



The CEER Training certificate will be delivered to participants who have completed the course



DETAILS & FEES

- **Format:** Online
- **Preparation hours:** 6
- **Days of training:** 1.5
- **Training hours:** 10
- **LEVEL:** B
- **Course fees:**
 - On line: €600 or 1.25 training credits for members; €840 for non-members
 - On site: €840 or 1.75 training credits for members; €1,050 for non-members
- **Language:** English

LOCATION

ONLINE – CEER Secretariat
Cours Saint-Michel 30a (5th floor)
B-1040 Brussels, Belgium



**REGISTRATION CLOSES
ON 28 FEBRUARY**

SCHOLARSHIPS AND REDUCED FEES

- Countries with a GDP per capita below the 90% threshold of the EU-27's GDP per capita (as per the Eurostat official data) can benefit from a 50% fee reduction.
- Each NRA has the right to two scholarships per year.
- A maximum of four scholarships are offered for this training.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- Up to 3 weeks before the course = no cancellation fees
- Between 2 to 3 weeks before the course = 50% cancellation fees
- Less than 1 week before the course = full amount of the course fees

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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COURSE SUPERVISORS!



STEFAN ARENT

Course Director

After studying of economics, Stefan Arent worked at ifo Institute (for economic research) and finished his PhD in 2013. He joined Bundesnetzagentur in 2013 and was responsible for German incentive and quality regulation scheme. From 2015 on he was deputy head of international coordination at Bundesnetzagentur. In 2023 he joined at ElCom in section for Grids and Europe



TOMÁS GÓMEZ

Course Advisor

Tomás Gómez is a Professor of Electrical Engineering at Comillas University. He is Director of the Instituto de Investigación Tecnológica and Vice-Rector of Research, Development, and Innovation at Comillas. His areas of interest are economics and regulation of the energy sector, operation and planning of transmission and distribution systems, and integration of renewable and distributed energy resources in power systems. He served as commissioner at the Spanish Energy Regulatory Commission (CNE).



RASHA ZEINA

Training and Programme Coordinator

Rasha Zeina joined the CEER Secretariat in August 2021 as Training & Programme Coordinator. Before joining CEER, Rasha worked as Project Facilitator for the Brussels office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). She also worked as Communication and Logistics Coordinator at the Flemish Cultural Centre "Pianofabriek". Rasha holds a master's degree from the Free University of Brussels (VUB) in Media and Journalism in Europe. She enjoys learning about digital media and communication tools and is very interested in digital design.

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