



# **CEER Annual Conference 2024**

## **“Challenges and opportunities for a new energy system”**

**Thursday, 17 October 2024**

**14:00-18:00 CET**

**Online Conference**

The CEER Annual Conference provides a platform for high-level discussions that drive progress on critical energy issues. Driven by the ongoing transformation of the energy sector, this year’s conference will focus on addressing the electricity and infrastructure challenges in the upcoming legislative cycle(s).

In our second session, we will turn our attention to gas issues and delve into the latest developments, challenges, and opportunities in the deployment of decarbonised and low-carbon gases, essential for achieving a sustainable, carbon-neutral future.

Additionally, the conference will examine how consumers, many of whom faced severe hardships due to recent price surges, are coping with recent developments in the energy sector.

Our distinguished speakers, including industry leaders, policymakers, researchers, and regulators, will provide valuable insights on these pressing topics.



## Agenda

13:00 – 14:00	Registration, light lunch
14:00 – 14:05	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>Annegret Groebel, President, CEER</i>
14:05 – 14:10	<b>Keynote Speech</b> Wrapping up the previous legislative term period, Looking forward <i>TBC, DG ENER</i>
14:10 – 15:20	<b>Session I: Challenges of the Future Energy System</b>
<b>Panel discussion</b>	<i>Setting the scene: A short note by CEER Electricity Working Group Chair</i> <b>Christine Materazzi-Wagner</b>
<b>Moderator:</b> <b>Leonardo Meeus,</b> Director, Florence School of Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Kristian Ruby</b>, Secretary General, <b>Eurelectric</b></li><li>• <b>Vincenzo Ranieri</b>, President, <b>EU DSO Entity</b></li><li>• <b>Walburga Hemetsberger</b>, Chief Executive Officer, <b>Solar Power Europe</b></li><li>• <b>Michael Villa</b>, Executive Director, <b>Smart Energy Europe</b></li></ul>
	<hr/> <b>Questions from the audience</b>
15:20 – 15:50	Interview delivered by Anna Gumbau with <b>Anna Pietikainen, OECD</b> and <b>Katharina Ledermann-Tappeiner, E-Control</b> on <b>Energy Regulators Independence</b>
15:50 - 16:10	<b>Coffee break</b> Update on CEER's activity to promote gender equality in energy sector
16:10 – 17:05	<b>Session II: Decarbonised Gases: Driving Carbon-Neutral Energy</b>
<b>Panel discussion</b>	<i>Setting the scene: A short note by CEER Vice President, Gas Working Group Chair</i> <b>Pedro Verdelho</b>
<b>Moderator:</b> <b>Anna Gumbau</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>TBC, ENTSOG</i></li><li>• <i>TBC, European Commission</i></li><li>• <i>Pedro Verdelho, ERSE</i></li></ul>
	<hr/> <b>Questions from the audience</b>
17:05 -17:55	<b>Session Three: Empowering Consumers in a Volatile Energy Market</b>
<b>Panel discussion</b>	<i>Setting the scene: A short note by CEER Vice President, Customers and Retail Markets Working Group Co-Chair</i> <b>Jana Haasová</b>
<b>Moderator:</b> <b>Anna Gumbau</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Robin Loos</b>, Deputy Head of Sustainability, <b>BEUC</b></li><li>• <b>Tadhg O'Briain</b>, Deputy Head of Unit, <b>DG ENER, European Commission</b></li><li>• <b>Natalie McCoy</b>, Co-Chair of Customers and Retail Markets Working Group</li></ul>
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**17:55-18:00**

**Closing remarks**  
*Annegret Groebel, President, CEER*