

# CEER Annual Conference 2025

## Regulatory Strategies for Consumer Empowerment, System Integration, and Market Efficiency

**Wednesday, 25 June 2025**

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

**Magritte Museum, Brussels & online**

CEER's Annual Conference continues to serve as a leading platform for high-level discussions that drive progress on timely energy issues. As the energy sector undergoes unprecedented transformation, this year's conference will focus on the most pressing challenges of the energy sector.

Our first session will explore the evolving dynamics of energy markets, addressing the dual challenges of ensuring EU competitiveness and consumer protection in the face of volatile energy prices and global trends.

Session II will shift the focus to infrastructure challenges and opportunities, examining the critical role of grid investments, the development of a hydrogen backbone, and the potential of sector coupling to accelerate the energy transition. In addition to addressing these challenges, the session will highlight the opportunities for flexibility and innovation that can help overcome barriers and drive progress in the energy transition.

Additionally, the conference will feature a dedicated interview segment on NRA independence, a cornerstone of effective energy regulation. This session will delve into the challenges of maintaining regulatory independence and showcase CEER's ongoing work in this area.

Our distinguished speakers will provide valuable insights on these pressing topics, offering actionable solutions and fostering dialogue among stakeholders.

# Agenda

13:30 – 14:00	Registration, coffee and snacks
14:00 – 14:15	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>Annegret Groebel, President, CEER</i>
14:15 – 14:35	<b>Keynote Speeches</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Teresa Ribera Rodríguez</b>, Executive Vice-President for Clean, Just and Competitive Transition, <b>EC</b></li><li>• <b>Dan Jørgensen</b>, European Commissioner for Energy and Housing, <b>EC</b></li><li>• <b>Danish Presidency of the Council</b>, representative <i>tbc</i></li></ul>
14:35 – 15:45	<b>Panel I: Efficient Energy Markets and Consumer Empowerment</b>
<b>Panel discussion</b>	<i>Setting the scene (historical context): A short note by CEER Electricity Working Group Chair <b>Christine Materazzi-Wagner</b> &amp; Customer and Retail Market Working Group Co-Chair <b>Karen Trant</b> – interactive exchange</i>
<b>Moderator:</b> <b>Natalie McCoy</b> , Customer and Retail Market Working Group Co-Chair, <b>CEER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Kristian Ruby</b>, Secretary General, <b>Eurelectric</b></li><li>• <b>Agustín Reyna</b>, Director General, <b>BEUC</b></li><li>• <b>Alejandro Ulzurrun de Asanza Y Munoz</b>, Acting Director, Just Transition, Consumers, Efficiency and Innovation, DG Energy, <b>EC</b></li></ul>
	<hr/> <b>Questions from the audience</b>
15:45 - 16:15	<b>Coffee break</b> Networking and informal discussions
16:15 – 16:35	Interview - <b>Energy Regulators' Independence</b> <b>Leonardo Meeus</b> (Florence School of Regulation) interviewing <b>Oliver Koch</b> (DG ENER) & <b>Duska Godina</b> (AGEN - Slovenian NRA)
16:35 – 17:45	<b>Panel II: Energy Infrastructure</b>
<b>Panel discussion</b>	<i>Setting the scene (historical context): A short note by CEER Vice President, Gas Working Group Chair <b>Pedro Verdelho</b> &amp; Chair of the CEER Distribution Systems Working Group <b>Veli-Pekka Saajo</b> – interactive exchange</i>
<b>Moderator:</b> <b>Catharina Sikow-Magny</b> , Professor, Florence School of Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Christelle Verstraeten</b>, Head of Policy, <b>ENTSO-e</b></li><li>• <b>Piotr Kuś</b>, General Director, <b>ENTSOG</b></li><li>• <b>Christian Zinglensen</b>, Director, <b>ACER</b></li><li>• <b>Wolfgang Urbantschitsch</b>, Executive Director, <b>E-Control</b></li></ul>
	<hr/> <b>Questions from the audience</b>
17:45 -17:55	<b>Keynote speech – Highlights from history of CEER</b> , <b>Jorge Vasconcelos</b> , Co-Founder and first chairman of CEER <i>tbc</i>
17:55-18:00	<b>Closing remarks</b> <b>CEER Vice-President tbc</b>