

CEER Annual Conference 2025

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

Wednesday, 25 June 2025

14:00-18:00 CEST

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	Opening Remarks <i>Annegret Groebel, President, CEER</i>
14:15 – 14:35	Keynote Speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mechthild Wörsdörfer, Deputy Director General DG ENER, EC</i>• <i>Christian Stenberg, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Danish Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities</i>
14:35 – 15:45	Panel I: Efficient Energy Markets and Consumer Empowerment
Panel discussion	<i>Setting the scene (historical context): A short note by CEER Electricity Working Group Chair Christine Materazzi-Wagner & Customer and Retail Market Working Group Co-Chair Karen Trant – interactive exchange</i>
Moderator: <i>Natalie McCoy, Customer and Retail Market Working Group Co-Chair, CEER</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Cillian O'Donoghue, Policy Director, Eurelectric</i>• <i>Agustín Reyna, Director General, BEUC</i>• <i>Rosalinde van der Vlies, Director Just Transition, Consumers, Energy Efficiency and Innovation, DG Energy, EC</i>
	<hr/> Questions from the audience
15:45 - 16:15	Coffee break Networking and informal discussions
16:15 – 16:35	Interview - Energy Regulators' Independence Leonardo Meeus (Florence School of Regulation) interviewing Oliver Koch (DG ENER) & Duska Godina (AGEN - Slovenian NRA)
16:35 – 17:45	Panel II: Energy Infrastructure
Panel discussion	<i>Setting the scene (historical context): A short note by CEER Vice President, Gas Working Group Chair Pedro Verdelho & Chair of the CEER Distribution Systems Working Group Veli-Pekka Saajo – interactive exchange</i>
Moderator: <i>Catharina Sikow-Magny, Professor, Florence School of Regulation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Gerald Kaendler, System Development Chair, ENTSO-E</i>• <i>Piotr Kuś, General Director, ENTSOG</i>• <i>Christian Zinglensen, Director, ACER</i>• <i>Wolfgang Urbantschitsch, Executive Director, E-Control</i>
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17:45 -17:55	Keynote speech – Highlights from history of CEER, Jorge Vasconcelos, Co-Founder and first chairman of CEER
17:55-18:00	Closing remarks <i>Alda Ozola & Dietmar Preinstorfer, CEER Vice-Presidents</i>