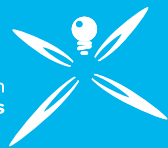


CEER
Council of European
Energy Regulators



Annual Report 2024

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About CEER

CEER represents the collective voice of Europe’s energy national regulatory authorities (NRAs) on both the European and global stages.

Our 39 Members and Observers are the independent statutory national energy regulatory authorities from all across Europe. They work together to promote an investment-friendly, harmonised regulatory environment and to foster the development of a single, competitive, efficient and sustainable Internal Energy Market.

Through expert working group meetings, training, workshops, and events, CEER facilitates cooperation among national regulators, sharing best practices and developing regulatory capacity. CEER is committed to shaping the energy regulatory framework and policy to ensure that energy markets operate in the public interest. Our work is pivotal to the growth, competitiveness and sustainability of the entire European economy.

As a legally established not-for-profit association under Belgian law, CEER is dedicated to upholding the highest standards of transparency and accountability in all our activities.



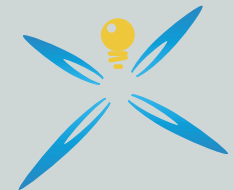
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This report details the activities of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) from 1 January to 31 December 2024.

CEER's values guide and inform our association's culture, behaviour and output.

CEER



Cooperation

We cooperate and collaborate, acting in solidarity in the European public interest.

Evidence

We use evidence to independently promote regulatory positions and well-functioning markets in the consumer interest.

Expertise

We value expertise and are dedicated to delivering excellent regulatory outcomes.

Respect

We act in a positive team environment with integrity and respect to all, also valuing equality and diversity.



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A Year of Accelerated Transition



In 2024, the energy sector continued to navigate the complexities of a rapidly evolving landscape, marked by the European Union's (EU) progress in reducing reliance on Russian gas and advancing towards a secure, affordable, and sustainable energy future. The beginning of the implementation of landmark European legal frameworks brings both opportunities and challenges, as regulators continue to incentivise speedy grid investments while ensuring a cost effective roll-out for the benefit of all users, in particular consumers.

2024 highlighted yet again the urgency of building a decarbonised, flexible energy system capable of integrating rising shares of renewables. In parallel, the empowerment of consumers remains central to this transition and CEER strives to play a pivotal role in addressing these challenges. Our publications in 2024 focused on a wide variety of topics such as consumer protection and empowerment, market price evolution and its impact on regulation as well as regulatory frameworks for grid charges to ensure efficient investment in grids supporting the energy transition. CEER also began examining the regulatory implications of implementing the newly adopted EU frameworks. In this regard CEER highlighted the importance of independent and well-resourced regulators for delivering effective regulation. This is in line with our mission to provide our expertise in navigating the evolving structures of Europe's energy sector.

Cooperation remains a cornerstone of CEER's efforts. Our flagship events, including our Customer Conference

and Annual Conference, allowed us to interact with all stakeholders and share our knowledge with the broader energy community. On the international side, CEER remains active via its partnerships through initiatives like EU4Energy and collaborations with MEDREG. Our dialogue with American colleagues has also continued in light of fast changing realities across the world.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the dedication of our National Regulatory Authorities and the Secretariat in Brussels. Their expertise and commitment have been instrumental in advancing CEER's mission. The exchange of best practices among regulators provides value added to all its members and supports a consistent and harmonized implementation that fosters the development of the internal energy market. The internal cooperation is complemented by a training programme.

As we look to the future, regulators must stay adaptable and proactive, making sure the energy transition is both flexible and inclusive. By prioritizing long-term strategies and policies that are consumer-centric, we can create a sustainable energy system that benefits everyone. Together, we'll keep driving Europe towards a carbon-neutral future.

Annegret Groebel

CEER PRESIDENT

Regulatory progress for consumer empowerment



In 2024, CEER made significant collective efforts to address various new challenges. In the third year of its ongoing strategy, our working groups focused on enhancing well-functioning markets and prioritizing consumer-centric designs, along with other key strategic objectives. With Europe advancing its energy transition, CEER played a key role in ensuring that regulatory frameworks remain fit for purpose and responsive to evolving market conditions.

In 2024, CEER continued its strong cooperation with ACER on multiple issues. This included contributing to the annual Market Monitoring Report, which was accompanied by a webinar summarizing key insights and highlighting necessary reforms in the retail energy sector to support the goal of carbon neutrality by 2050. Additionally, position papers were delivered: “Challenges of the Future Electricity System”, “Guidance Paper on Electricity Transmission and Distribution ‘Smart Grid’ Performance Indicators”, “Anticipatory Investments”, providing guidance on market resilience and regulatory best practices.

As implementation of major EU energy policies progressed, CEER actively advocated on the EU electricity market reform, energy security measures, and grid development strategies. We also strength-

ened our consumer-centric approach, publishing the recommendations Beyond the Crisis to enhance consumer protection and market resilience.

In terms of CEER’s governance, at the end of the year, the General Assembly confirmed Natalie McCoy and Karen Trant as Co-Chairs of Customers and Retail Markets Working Group.

The CEER Secretariat is dedicated to supporting this crucial work by ensuring seamless and efficient operations.

As Secretary General, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding work that has been achieved and continues to progress. I extend my thanks to all NRAs for their exceptional contributions in implementing our Work Programme. I also commend the CEER Secretariat for their professionalism in managing a wide range of tasks. Finally, I would like to acknowledge President Annegret Groebel and the five Vice Presidents of CEER’s Board of Directors for their strong leadership and invaluable support to the CEER Secretariat.

Māra Bērziņa
SECRETARY GENERAL

Followers as of 31 December 2024

7,379



-2,78%

13,000



+15,65%

887



+10,88%

Publications

7

Press releases

18

CEER reports



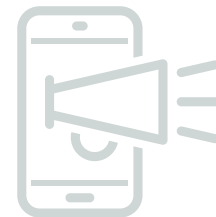
Events

6

Public events
(online, hybrid, onsite)

77

CEER meetings



36

News alerts

11

Newsletters

Implementing a consumer-centric strategy

In 2024, CEER entered the third year of implementing its strategy “Empowering Consumers for the Energy Transition”, developed in a context of crises, such as climate change, geopolitical instability and rising energy prices, with a lasting impact on the energy system.

Throughout the year, energy regulators remained committed to empowering consumers by fostering a transparent and resilient energy market.



With Europe advancing its energy transition, CEER played a key role in supporting the implementation of new regulatory frameworks, ensuring market stability, and enabling energy system integration. By promoting consumer protection, flexibility, and investment in grid infrastructure, CEER contributed to the broader goals of decarbonisation, sustainability, and efficiency, aligned with the European Green Deal and evolving EU policies.

CEER’s strategic plan focuses on three regulatory dimensions:

1. Enabling energy system integration: By integrating renewables and incentivising innovation.
2. Placing consumers at the centre of energy markets with consumer-centric dynamic regulation: By empowering consumers to actively contribute to and benefit from a flexible energy system.
3. Ensuring open, well-functioning and resilient markets nationally and across Europe: By delivering flexibility and new business models.

These strategic pillars are broken down into six core areas from which CEER draws its annual deliverables and activities:

1. Energy system integration
2. Sustainable and efficient infrastructure
3. Consumer-centric design
4. Decentralised and local energy
5. Well-functioning markets
6. Flexibility

Each one of these core areas is covered differently from one year to the next.



1. Fostering informed decision making on key regulatory issues & Supporting the Implementation of EU Law

2024 has been a pivotal year for energy regulation as the EU continues to implement and refine its legislative framework in response to ongoing global challenges. Energy regulators have played a critical advi-

sory role, ensuring that new policies are both effective and aligned with the goals of a secure, affordable, and sustainable energy system. We now have yet another critical role in ensuring that these legislative efforts are seamlessly implemented across Europe.

Throughout the year, CEER maintained its active engagement with EU institutions, providing expert input on key legislative dossiers and initiatives. Our contributions have focused on shaping policies that support the energy transition while addressing emerging challenges in the sector.

Main highlights:

- CEER collaborated closely with ACER to contribute to the implementation of the reformed EU electricity market design. Our work has focused on ensuring that the new framework delivers on its objectives of enhancing consumer protection, promoting renewable energy integration, and maintaining market stability.
- In response to the publication of the Draghi Report, CEER provided detailed feedback and recommendations on the energy-related proposals at short, medium, and long-term time horizons.
- CEER provided input to the European Commission Public Consultation looking at the fitness check on the energy security architecture. Our input aims to evaluate the effectiveness and coherence of the existing rules on the security, resilience and autonomy of the EU's energy system.



Policy makers in Europe have continuously and significantly supported the energy transition, building on the crucial legislative agreements secured in recent years. CEER has been proud to contribute to these efforts, providing expert knowledge and guidance throughout the process. As we move into the crucial implementation phase, NRAs remain committed to making sure these frameworks come into action effectively. Together, we will shape a sustainable, secure, and inclusive energy future for Europe.

NADIA HORSTMANN

EUROPEAN POLICY UNIT CHAIR



- CEER members shared their feedback with the EC regarding a questionnaire looking at 'Anticipatory investments for grid buildout' in the context of the Grid Action Plan, helping to identify the conditions under which anticipatory investments in grid projects should be granted as well as the current practices considered for the utilisation of anticipatory investment practices.

Coming up:

- Going forward, CEER will continue to help foster informed decision-making through evidence-based analysis and proactive engagement with policy-makers. By addressing both immediate challenges and long-term goals, we aim to support a regulatory framework that drives Europe's energy transition while safeguarding the interests of consumers and industry alike.

2. Placing consumers at the heart of our mission

On the road to achieving a just transition, CEER is highly committed to promoting effective retail market functioning in the interest of consumers, with a focus on protection and empowerment.

Although in 2024, energy prices in most CEER member countries dropped from the peak levels of recent years, CEER remained committed to developing a long-term strategy to protect consumers from the potential recurrence of such crises and activate them as essential participants of the energy transition, inter alia as retail flexibility enablers.



CEER continues to be deeply committed to ensuring that consumer protection and empowerment are at the core of our work.

JANA HAASOVÁ

CUSTOMERS AND RETAIL MARKETS
WORKING GROUP CO-CHAIR



As regulators, we believe we have a crucial role to play in creating the conditions, and access to clear information, that allow consumers to take control of their energy, allowing them to choose their level of engagement with and participation in the energy transition.

NATALIE MCCOY

CUSTOMERS AND RETAIL MARKETS
WORKING GROUP CO-CHAIR

Main highlights:

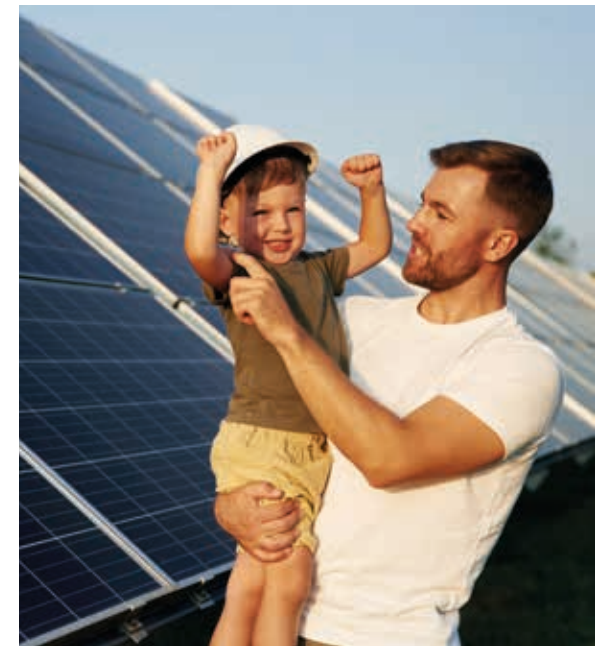
- We published the Beyond the crisis recommendations, presenting several scenarios for the long-term strategy for the consumer's recovery and resilience building.
- CEER held its 2024 Customer Conference, addressing the need to deliver an energy system fit for all consumers. The event was held in collaboration with the European Economic and Social Committee, with the President of the TEN Section Ms. Baiba Miltoviča delivering the keynote speech.
- We collaborated with ACER to publish the ACER-CEER Market Monitoring 2024 Edition, focusing on the Retail and Consumer Protection. This edition of the report focuses on enabling consumer participation in decarbonising energy markets, addressing barriers to flexibility, promoting smart meters, dynamic pricing and innovative contracts to support the energy transition.
- CEER investigated the issue of supplier risk management, which emerged during the energy crisis and was later addressed in the EMD Directive, in its report titled Use of Prudential Regulation Mechanisms to Promote Effective Supplier Risk Management in the Energy Sector.

Coming up:

- CEER will publish a Review of the metrics in CEER's 2017 Handbook for National Energy Regulators in the light of the Clean Energy Package implementa-

tion, to assess and improve the current performance of national retail energy markets.

- On the 31st March, CEER will hold the annual event 'Focus on Consumer 2025'. It will be an innovative hybrid conference, prepared in collaboration with DG ENER and the European Economic and Social Committee on decentralised energy, energy sharing and energy communities.
- A new report will analyse the transparency and comparability guidelines in the retail markets, also seeking solutions to educate the consumers on the demand-side response opportunities and challenges.





3. Driving transparency and insight in European energy markets

Monitoring markets and compliance with laws, rules and recommendations is an important element of regulators' work at national and EU level.

In 2024, CEER collected and analysed data on a broad range of topics and published reports and recommendations related to energy market regulation, providing an evidence base that informs the energy debate and regulatory policy development.

Main highlights:


- We collaborated with ACER to respond to European Commission request as a follow up of the 9th Energy Infrastructure Forum (June 2023) and elaborated jointly a report outlining the main barriers to anticipatory investments and providing a set of recommendations to promote national incentive schemes to overcome them. Both institutions have further jointly developed a set of guiding principles to evaluate the performance and efficiency of the European electricity smart grids. The ACER-CEER Guidance Paper on Electricity Transmission and Distribution "Smart-

Grid” contributed to the discussions at the 10th Energy Infrastructure Forum (June 2024).

- CEER and ACER put their joint efforts, expertise in developing their position on the challenges of the future electricity system calling on the new European Parliament, Commission and Council to prioritise five key electricity and infrastructure challenges throughout the legislative process in their upcoming mandate(s). The paper highlighted the urgent need for Europe to facilitate the deployment of more intermittent renewables and to unlock a resilient, flexible and cost-effective electricity sector. EU energy regulators propose a set of recommendations and commitments that will allow the EU as a whole and Member States to actively steer and harness the power of a new, rapidly emerging energy system that supports the clean energy transition.
- CEER released the 2024 Report on Regulatory Frameworks for European Energy Networks. The report analyses the overall determination of capital costs of CEER members plus Northern Ireland and five Energy Community Regulatory Board (ECRB) members, four of which are CEER observers. Ukrainian regulatory agency decided to be part of this year’s version again.
- CEER published a paper on DSO data exchange relating to flexibility and NRAs’ roles. Flexibility data exchange practices are still in their initial stages, lacking common standards or generalised practices. CEER’s assessment observes the development of this field and the role of regulatory intervention in Europe without necessarily advocating for harmonisation.

- The Gas Working Group of CEER has worked on a report on How to implement the Gas Package in relation to LNG issues, giving guidance on the application of the regulation of LNG terminals in the context of the Gas Decarbonisation Package. The Influence of New LNG Terminals on the Future EU Energy Market was also published.
- The 3rd edition of the CEER Power Losses Report provides key information on definitions, procurement, regulatory treatment and volume of power losses in addition to comparisons between participating countries’ distribution, transmission and total losses as percentage of injected energy. It covers CEER Members and ECRB Contracting Parties and raises the number of participants to 40, covering essentially the entire continent. The report notes that countries have their own definitions of distribution and transmission grids resulting in different voltage levels included in each. The requirements of Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) and influence of smart meters on power losses are also examined.
- CEER issued its third edition of the CEER Paper on Unsupported RES providing an overview of how much supported RES capacity was currently installed and what share was reaching the end of its support time between 2022 and 2030. It also highlighted various business model options and challenges for installations after they reached the end of their support time. How high market prices affected supported RES in Europe and whether there was the option for supported RES to leave any given support system was analysed and developed in another CEER




Distribution system is essential for ensuring the continuous flow of electricity from generation to consumers. It plays a key role in achieving a flexible, decarbonised energy system. Collaboration across countries, energy regulators, the private sector, and consumers is crucial to evolving distribution networks and addressing challenges such as ageing infrastructure, rising demand, grid congestion, environmental concerns, and cybersecurity threats.

VELI-PEKKA SAAJO

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS WORKING
GROUP CHAIR

Latest figures*

Household Electricity Contracts

- 73% of EU households are on regulated fixed-price or market-based fixed-price electricity contracts (2023).
- Dynamic-price contracts are unavailable in 10 Member States, including Ireland, France, and Poland, despite regulatory requirements.

Smart Meter Deployment

- Smart meter roll-out exceeds 80% in 14 Member States but remains below 30% in 10 Member States, such as Germany, Bulgaria, and Poland.

Electricity Price Trends

- A 12-fold increase

in negative wholesale electricity prices was observed in 2023, with 6,470 instances recorded across the EU.

Retail Electricity Suppliers

- High supplier exits in 2023 were reported, influenced by market volatility.

Prosumers and Renewable Energy

- The Netherlands leads with 29% of households being prosumers, injecting significant volumes of electricity into the grid.

*Figures are taken from the ACER-CEER 2024 Market Monitoring Report on Energy Retail and Consumer Protection.

published report on “Impact of high market prices on renewables”. The paper also sought to determine whether rules for renewable energy communities were already in place in 2022 and whether high market prices led to the support systems being adapted or changed.

Coming up:

- CEER will further explore the potential outcomes of Gas Decarbonisation Package implementation, this time focusing on the hydrogen and biogas sectors. A report on the new role of the LNG terminals as supporting factor to the framework of decarbonisation.
- CEER will work on grid connection challenges paper, exploring the best practices on how to allocate already existing capacity in a more efficient manner. National implementation of a flexible connection agreement framework will also be explored.
- In the second half of the year, CEER will hold a workshop to support NRAs in their work on setting the national flexibility needs assessment.
- CEER will cooperate with ACER in developing together with the relevant stakeholders an agreed EU catalogue of output (supported by input) indicators for smart grids at all voltage levels and present it to the 2025 European Infrastructure Forum meeting.
- Data update of interruption indicators for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 will be published with CEER Benchmarking Report 7.1 on the Continuity of Electricity and Gas Supply.



- The Biennial Status Review of Renewable Support Schemes in Europe for 2022 and 2023 is also one of CEER's projects to be finalised in 2025.
- We will publish our traditional Report on Regulatory Frameworks for European Energy Networks.
- CEER will continue monitoring developments in cybersecurity, particularly those relevant for the energy sector and NRAs.

4. Strengthening regulators' capacities and expertise

CEER Training Academy celebrated 10 years of Learning. Developing. Leading. CEER Training Academy develops and delivers high-quality training on the practice of regulation and on job-related skills and professional development for regulatory staff.

Designed around European experience and practices, led by regulators for regulators and advised by a distinguished Advisory Board, CEER courses allow the exchange of views and learning from peers in the regulatory community from across Europe. 2024 marked an important milestone with 10 years of CEER Training Activities!

Main highlights:

- In 2024, the CEER Training Academy successfully delivered 11 courses hosting 195 participants among CEER NRAs Members and Observers and the private energy sector.
- Participants in CEER courses can now face a more engaging experience thanks to the use of a new Learning Management System where they can access the training materials, presentations and interact directly with other participants and experts.
- A new Task Force composed of the Working Group Chairs, Vice Chairs and some Training Advisory Board (TAB) Members met twice to discuss the needs of NRAs and new training topics.
- The internal workshop on the functioning of CEER and ACER took place as its second edition as a free activity for Members and Observers and it hosted 139 participants.
- In 2024, one course was open to the public and a second one was partially open to the public.
- 2 courses included a field visit in the programme. Participants to the Legal Training visited EU DSO Entity Secretariat and the ones attending the course on Energy Trading visited the trading floor at Engie.
- The majority of Trainings included real-life case studies, group discussions and activities. The course on Cybersecurity included an interactive online role play and a group role game discussion.



CEER Training Academy's 10-year celebration in Brussels, Belgium

2024 Training in numbers

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CEER training courses

195

regulatory staff trained

18

registrants on average per course

86%

course satisfaction rate

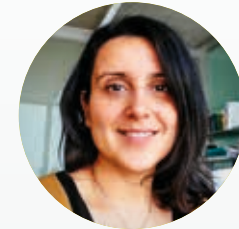
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regulatory staff trained from **5 EaP countries**



Coming up:

- The CEER Training Academy will deliver 13 high-quality courses and one Internal Workshop.
- Two mini-trainings will focus on new topics: Communication strategies, and negotiation skills and GDPR compliance and use of AI.
- One course will be organised in cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris on Regulatory Barriers to Grid and Clean Technology Deployment.
- Two courses will be partially open to the public: Training on the Regulation of DSOs, Digitalisation and Flexibility Markets and Specialised Training on REMIT Implementation and Trading in Wholesale Energy Markets.



Continuous learning is the key to personal and professional growth. CEER courses allow energy regulators and professionals to stay up to date in this ever-changing sector, offering precious opportunities to discuss with peers, build confidence and tackle challenges with a renewed sense of purpose and capability.

CATERINA MIRIELLO

COURSE DIRECTOR



Training on European Wholesale Electricity and Gas Market Trading in Brussels, Belgium

Capacity building projects

With the aim to facilitate cooperation and experience sharing between the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries and with EU institutions, CEER Training Academy ran two regional capacity-building trainings under the EU4Energy Programme Phase II in 2024:

- The Regional Training on Electricity Market Coupling was held on 15-16 May in Lisbon, Portugal. Training participants had the opportunity to get a clear idea about the Spain-Portugal Market (MIBEL)

coupling and how it works. The training indeed aimed to analyse the experiences and lessons learned from MIBEL to empower participants with the knowledge and skills required for implementing market coupling in the region.

- The Regional Training on Cybersecurity took place on 19-20 June in Chişinău, Moldova. This 2-day interactive training explored opportunities for enhancing cybersecurity practices and tools in the energy sector and strengthened the knowledge and capacities of the beneficiaries to improve cyber resilience.

5. Championing best regulatory practices internationally

CEER continues to serve as the voice of Europe's energy regulators, driving international collaboration to advance best regulatory practices worldwide. Building on longstanding partnerships with the Energy Community Regulatory Board (ECRB), the Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA), the Association of Mediterranean Energy Regulators (MEDREG), and the Eastern Partnership countries, CEER remains committed to supporting Europe's external energy policy objectives and fostering global regulatory excellence.

Main highlights:

- This year, CEER reinforced its engagement with the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER), where President Annegret Groebel continues to serve as Co-Vice Chair. A key focus lies in the organisation of the upcoming World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER) which will take place in 2026 in Tbilisi, Georgia and will be hosted by CEER observer, the Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC).



CEER is committed to fostering a dynamic, collaborative environment between regulators and relevant organisations, driving mutually beneficial partnerships amidst the ongoing transformation of energy systems. Our goal is to champion global cooperation, encourage mutual understanding, joint efforts, and collective progress on the international stage.

CLAIRE HELLICH-PRAQUIN

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
GROUP CHAIR



The 16th EU-US Roundtable, co-hosted by CEER, Vienna, Austria

- The 16th EU-US Roundtable, co-hosted by CEER in Vienna in April, marked yet another key highlight for our international work in 2024. The event brought together European and American regulators to discuss critical topics such as grid investments, flexibility, future market models, and the overall energy transition.
- CEER also continued its collaboration with MEDREG and the Energy Community Regulatory Board (ECRB). Building on the success of the 2023 Trilateral Workshop, we once again organised the annual Trilateral Workshop which took place in Lisbon in October 2024.
- In addition, CEER's International Relations Working Group continues to implement our strategy

for international cooperation launched in 2023. This strategy guides our efforts to enhance partnerships with global energy regulators and regional associations, ensuring that CEER remains at the forefront of regulatory innovation and knowledge-sharing.

Coming up:

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High-Level Conference on Connectivity & EU Integration, Rome, Italy, 24-25 Sept 2024.
(In collaboration with the Balkan Energy School)

EU4Energy programme

As one of the three partners of the EU4Energy Programme, Phase II, CEER is responsible for programme implementation in Armenia and Azerbaijan, as well as for regional coordination and overall communication and visibility of the programme in all five EaP countries.

Multiple visibility actions and activities were organised in 2024, covering diverse topics aligned with the programme's objectives.

Main highlights:

- Within 440.5 expert days, **CEER experts implemented 20 activities in Armenia and Azerbaijan and several regional events.**

- **Regional Conference on Sustainable Heating and Energy Efficiency** in Tbilisi, Georgia, on April 15-16 2024, in collaboration with Elizbar Eristavi Energy Training Center under the Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission.
- **Regional training on Electricity Market Coupling for energy sector representatives from the Eastern Partnership (EaP) Countries** in Lisbon, Portugal on 15-16 May 2024.
- **Regional Training on Cybersecurity** in Chisinau, the Republic of Moldova on 19-20 June 2024, hosted by the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Moldova.
- **High-Level Conference on Advancing Connectivity: Fostering Interconnection Capacities and EU Integration of the Eastern Partnership** took place on 24-25 September 2024 in Rome, Italy, in collaboration with the Balkan Energy School.
- **2 regional trainings in cooperation with the Energy Community Secretariat.**
- **Participation in the EUDays in the EaP Countries.**
- **For the purpose of raising awareness of schoolchildren on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies**, 33 school visits and 7 workshops were held in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in cooperation with EU NEIGHBOURS EAST and Young European Ambassadors of the respective countries.

Coming up:

- The EU4Energy project's extension until August 2025 is officially approved by the European Commission.
- Closing conferences of the currently ongoing phase are going to be held in Armenia and Azerbaijan.
- Regional closing conference for all EaP countries is going to be held on 24 June in Brussels, Belgium.

Building thought leadership through stakeholder engagement

CEER is committed to engaging with stakeholders by creating opportunities to gather expert views, inform our vision and policy advice, and share our findings and recommendations with the public.



In-person conferences and hybrid events

11 APRIL

CEER Customer Conference 2024

The CEER Customer Conference 2024 served as a comprehensive exploration of recently approved legislative packages and their optimal implementation by EU energy stakeholders. The conference unfolded

across three essential pillars—consumer protection, consumer empowerment, and decarbonisation—ensuring a comprehensive and consumer-centric approach to the challenges and opportunities presented by the current energy environment.

9 OCTOBER

Trilateral CEER-ECRB-MEDREG Workshop

ERSE hosted the annual Trilateral Workshop organised with CEER, MEDREG and ECRB in Lisbon. The event brought together energy regulators and stakeholders from across Europe and the Mediterranean region to discuss key energy transition challenges and regulatory developments.

17 OCTOBER

CEER Annual Conference 2024

The CEER Annual Conference recently provided a platform for high-level discussions on existing and emerging energy regulatory issues. This year, the event was held under the theme “Challenges and opportunities for a new energy system.”

Women in Energy Breakfast

This event held at the CEER Secretariat in Brussels, provided a platform to discuss gender equality in the energy sector. The event featured presentations on the ASSET study's gender-disaggregated data and the results of the Women in Energy Questionnaire, highlighting the representation of women in managerial roles within Energy Regulatory Authorities.



Webinars and online events

12 MARCH

ACER-CEER Webinar on Gas Storage Regulation

CEER and the EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) hosted a webinar to present the results of a two-part consultancy study on the impact of the EU and national gas storage regulations, offer insights into the ongoing implementation of the

EU gas storage Regulation, and engage with stakeholders through polls and a Q&A session.

7 OCTOBER

ACER-CEER webinar: active consumer participation is key to driving the energy transition: how can it happen?

CEER and the EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) held a webinar to present the main findings and recommendations of their 2024 Market Monitoring Report: Active consumer participation is key to driving the energy transition: how can it happen? (published on 30 September 2024).

The faces behind CEER

We owe our achievements to the commitment of our Board, General Assembly, Working Group and Work Stream chairs, NRA staff volunteers, the Training Advisory Board and course lecturers, the Secretariat and of course the support from many external parties.

Presidency and Board

The CEER Board is composed of a President and five Vice Presidents. The Board members have a 2.5-year term of office; the current terms of Vice Presidents run to 11 May 2025. The President is elected also for a 2.5-year term, the current term runs to 22 July 2026.

As of 31 December 2024, CEER had five Board members, as Jana Haasová left the Board in December 2024.



President:
Annegret Groebel
BNetzA, Germany



Vice President:
Jana Haasová
ERÚ, Czech Republic



Vice President:
Koen Locquet
CREG, Belgium



Vice President:
Alda Ozola
PUC, Latvia



Vice President:
Wolfgang Urbantschitsch
E-Control, Austria



Vice President:
Pedro Verdelho
ERSE, Portugal

General Assembly

The General Assembly held eight meetings in 2024 and is composed of senior representatives from member national energy regulatory authorities.



CEER's 189th General Assembly in Budapest, Hungary

Secretariat

Ms Māra Bērziņa is CEER's Secretary General since 1 February 2024. She oversees the day-to-day business in the Brussels-based Secretariat. During most of 2024, the Secretariat had eleven staff members.



Training Advisory Board

Our Training Academy benefits from the active contribution of an Advisory Board, comprising academics, energy sector professionals and former regulators who bring the external knowledge to our courses. Former CEER Vice President Anne Vadasz Nilsson chairs the Training Advisory Board (TAB) since the beginning of 2022.

Current Advisory Board members



Anne Vadasz Nilsson
Director General of
Kammarkollegiet – Chair



Mike Bostan
European Federation of
Energy Traders (Energy
Traders Europe)



Richard Cowart
Regulatory Assistance
Project (RAP)



Adrien De Hauteclocque
General Court of
the European Union



Monica Giuliatti
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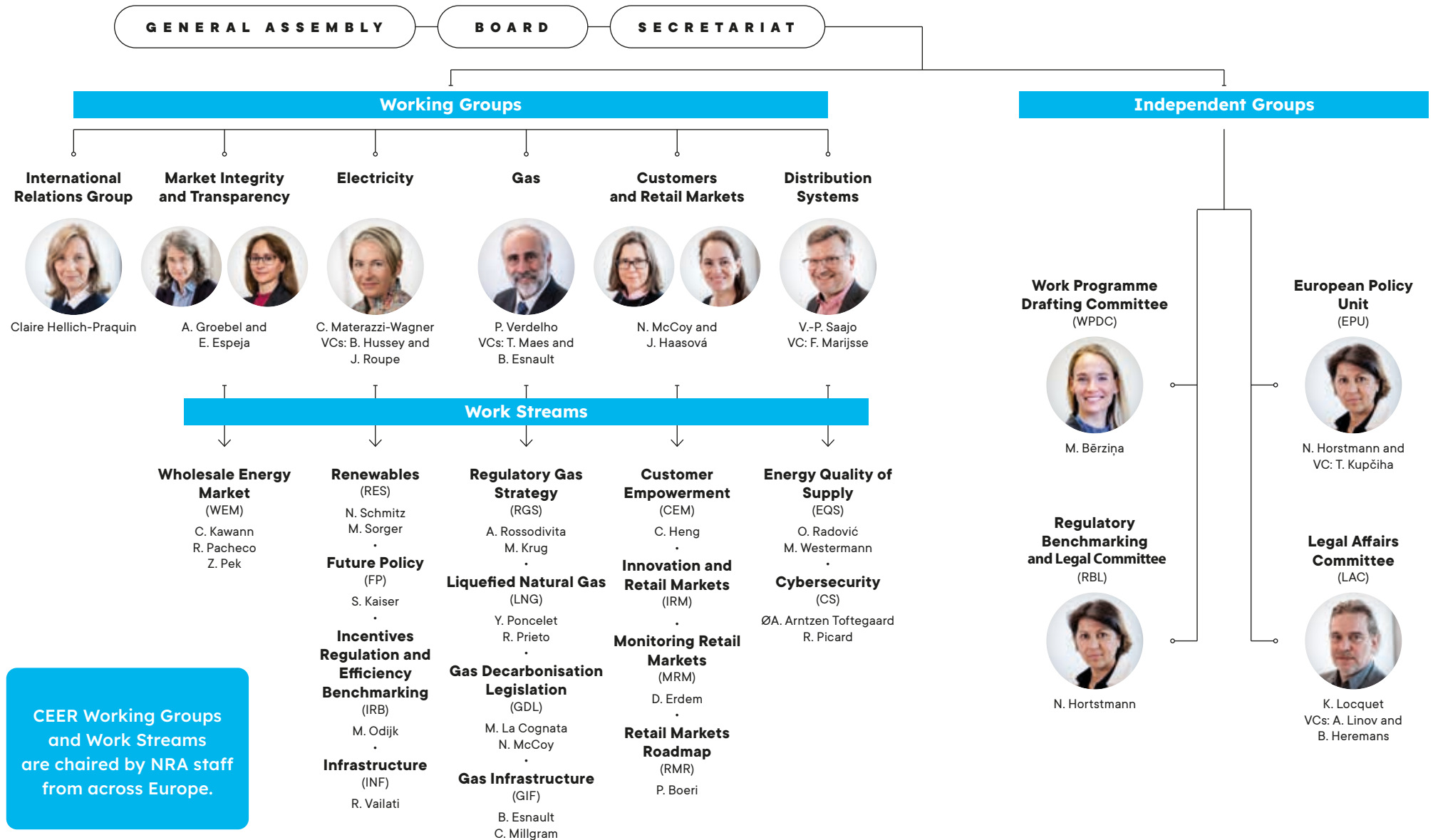


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- ACER-CEER Paper on Anticipatory Investments
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- ACER-CEER Guidance Paper on Electricity Transmission and Distribution “Smart-Grid” Performance Indicators
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- How NRA independence is safeguarded as NRA competences keep expanding
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- CEER Views on the Draghi Report: Striking the Right Balance for the future of Europe’s Energy Sector
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- CEER Paper on DSO Data Exchange Relating to Flexibility and NRAs’ Role
8 APRIL 2024
- CEER Paper on Unsupported Renewable Energy Sources
29 MAY 2024
- ACER-CEER Paper on Challenges of the Future Electricity System
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- Impact of high market prices on renewables
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- ACER-CEER Consultancy study on the impact of the measures included in the EU and National Gas Storage Regulations
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- Beyond the Crisis: Consumer protection and market measures for better functioning markets
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- ACER-CEER 2024 Market Monitoring Report on Energy Retail and Consumer Protection
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- Use of prudential regulation mechanisms to promote effective supplier risk management in the energy sector
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- Empowering the Eastern Partnership – Sharing knowledge on Electricity Market Coupling
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- Powering Progress: Regional Conference For Eastern Partnership Countries Sparks Dialogue On Sustainable Solutions For Heating And Energy Efficiency In Tbilisi, Georgia
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- High-level Conference on Advancing Connectivity: Fostering Interconnection Capacities and EU Integration of the Eastern Partnership
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27 FEBRUARY 2024
- Mara Berzina, Secretary General, DSO Entity Breakfast event on DSO grids
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- Elsa Água, Member, CRM Working group, Florence School of Regulation event on Promoting Competition in the Retail Energy Market
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- Agustín Alonso, 38th European Gas Regulatory Forum in Madrid, Spain
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- Nazim Khiari, Policy Advisor, Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA)'s Annual Conference
16 MAY 2024
- Mara Berzina, Secretary General, Eurelerctrics annual Power Summit 2024 – Lights ON
22 MAY 2024
- Sofie Lauwaert, 39th European Electricity Regulatory Forum in Florence
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- Frederic Marijsse, Vice-Chair of CEER's Distribution Systems Working Group, GEODE Spring Seminar
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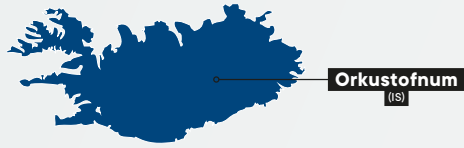
- Annegret Groebel, CEER President, European Commission's 10th Energy Infrastructure Forum
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- Rafał Gawin, General Assembly member, New Mobility Congress
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- Judit Krajcs, International Electricity Regulatory Expert at Hungarian Energy and Utilities Regulatory Office, Energy Storage Global Conference 2024
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- Jana Haasová, CEER Vice President, European Energy Forum's Energy Debate
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- Mara Berzina, CEER Secretary General, CEDEC- European Federation of Local & Regional Energy Companies Annual Congress 2024
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- Mara Berzina, CEER Secretary General, Florence School of Regulation Policy Advisory Council
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- Alda Ozola, CEER Vice-Chair, EP ITRE Committee on Market Monitoring
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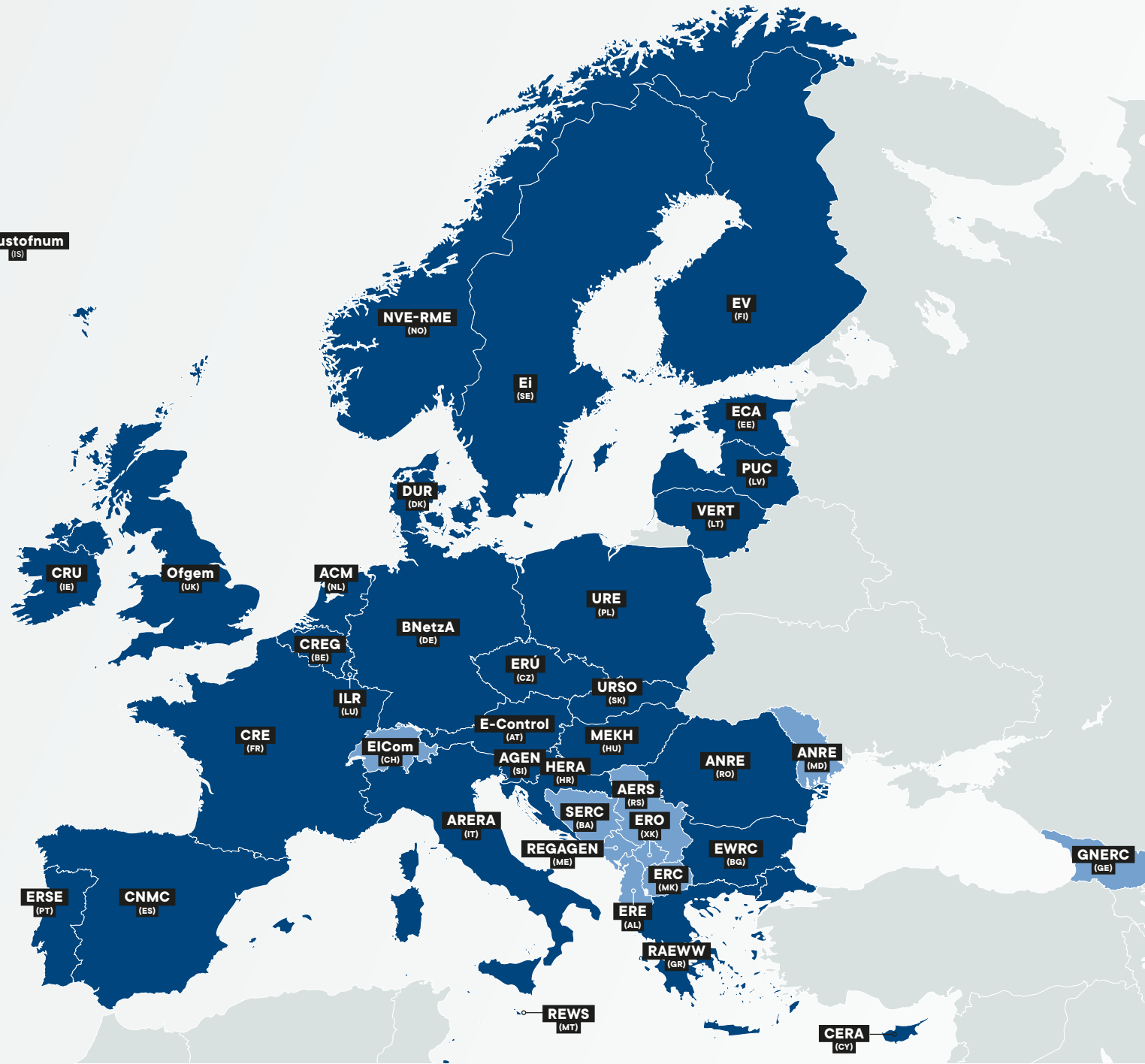
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