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CEER Publishes Its Strategy for 2026-2029, Emphasising Regulatory Stability, Citizen Engagement and Efficient Decarbonisation as well as Deeper System Integration

The Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) today published its Strategy for 2026-2029, entitled *“Ensuring regulatory stability and citizen engagement amidst change to reach the decarbonisation goals efficiently”* (the Strategy). The Strategy sets out CEER’s vision, mission and strategic priorities for the coming four years, against the backdrop of accelerating energy system transformation and heightened geopolitical challenges.

Building on CEER’s 2022-2025 Strategy and the lessons learned from the energy crisis, the new Strategy reaffirms the central role of independent energy regulators in supporting well-functioning markets, protecting consumers and ensuring security of supply, while enabling the energy transition to progress efficiently and fairly.

The Strategy identifies three strategic priorities for the period 2026-2029:

- Optimising market-oriented solutions to deliver the best results for consumers and the energy system;
- Empowering and protecting consumers, while promoting affordability and accessibility;
- Deepening the integration of a decarbonised energy system.

CEER President Dr Annegret Groebel, in her message accompanying the Strategy, highlighted the importance of regulatory stability and public trust. She noted that the experience of recent years has demonstrated the need for strong, independent and agile regulators that can act decisively in times of crisis, without losing sight of predictability. She also underlined that regulatory stability, combined with active citizen engagement, is essential to ensure that the energy transition delivers benefits for all consumers and public acceptance.

The Strategy places particular emphasis on the effective implementation of existing EU energy legislation, rather than the introduction of new frameworks, underlining the importance of regulatory predictability to support investment, innovation and system resilience. It also highlights the growing role of consumers as active participants in energy markets and the need to ensure that vulnerable consumers are adequately protected throughout the transition.

Reflecting evolving market conditions, the Strategy addresses the challenges associated with declining gas demand, the integration of low-carbon and renewable gases, increasing electrification, and the need for efficient infrastructure use and investment planning. It underlines the importance of cross-border cooperation and market integration in strengthening Europe’s energy security and competitiveness.

The publication of the Strategy builds on CEER's ongoing work to promote regulatory cooperation and consumer-centric energy markets, and will guide the organisation's regulatory activities and engagement with stakeholders over the 2026-2029 period.

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Notes to Editors:

The Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) is the voice of Europe's national energy regulators. Its Members and Observers are the independent statutory bodies responsible for energy regulation in 38 European countries. CEER, based in Brussels, deals with a broad range of energy issues including, retail markets and consumers, distribution networks, smart grids, flexibility, sustainability, and international cooperation. Further information on the CEER website www.ceer.eu.

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