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PRESS RELEASE

## Pedro Verdelho is elected President of the Council of European Energy Regulators

The Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)<sup>1</sup> announces today the election of Pedro Verdelho as the new CEER President. His mandate will start on 1 August 2026 and run for a 2.5 year term, until January 2029. He succeeds Dr Annegret Groebel who had served as CEER President since 2019. CEER warmly thanks Dr Groebel for her leadership and dedication to the organisation over the past seven years.

Mr Verdelho is President of the Board at ERSE - Portugal's Energy Services Regulatory Authority. He currently serves as CEER Vice President and is actively engaged internationally, contributing to cooperation in the electricity, gas and renewable energy sectors.

The newly elected CEER President, Mr Verdelho, stated:

***“It is a great honour to be elected President of CEER and to lead the organisation through its next chapter. Regulators are at the centre of Europe's energy transition, and CEER's role is more important than ever. We need to make the energy transition work for the consumers. I am committed to working with all Members, with inclusiveness and transparency, to keep CEER a respected and influential voice in European energy policy”.***



*Dr Annegret Groebel, CEER President, and Mr Pedro Verdelho, CEER President-elect.*

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**Ends (see Notes to Editors)**

## Notes to Editors:

1. 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](http://www.ceer.eu).

2. CEER's Board consists of up to six directors: the President and five Vice Presidents. The President is elected for a 2.5 year term. The Vice Presidents are elected for a 2.5 year term, or less in case of replacement of a Board Member. The current terms of the Vice Presidents run until 30 November 2027.

3. Pedro Verdelho is President of the Board at ERSE – Portugal's Energy Services Regulatory Authority, a role he has held since 2021, following his tenure as Board Member from 2019. With over two decades of experience at ERSE, including as Head of Pricing and Tariffs, he has built a distinguished career in energy policy and regulation. He is also actively engaged internationally, with a strong reputation for cooperation and consensus building, serving as Vice President of CEER and chairing several working groups across organisations such as ARIAE, ACER/CEER, and MEDREG, contributing to collaboration in the electricity, gas and renewable energy sectors, respectively. Mr Verdelho began his career in academia and research at Instituto Superior Técnico, where he also served as Assistant Professor. He holds a PhD, Master's, and undergraduate degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the same institution.

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