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Putting Reform into Practice: EU4Energy Phase III Brings European Regulatory Expertise to Armenia

Yerevan, 3 November 2026 - The Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER), through its EU4Energy Phase III project organised a two-day expert workshop in Yerevan, Armenia on 2-3 November 2026, dedicated to advancing Armenia's electricity market reform and strengthening the country's regulatory and institutional framework.

The workshop brought together representatives of Armenian institutions and experts from the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority (MEKH) to exchange practical experience and discuss regulatory approaches supporting the implementation of Armenia's ongoing electricity sector reforms.

"The European Union remains committed to supporting Armenia in developing a more secure, sustainable and competitive energy sector. Successful electricity market reform requires more than legislative changes as it depends on strong institutions, transparent market arrangements and effective regulatory oversight. Through EU4Energy Phase III, we are supporting Armenian institutions in translating reform priorities into practical solutions, drawing on European experience while taking into account Armenia's specific needs and circumstances," said Johann Hesse, Head of Cooperation Section at the Delegation of the European Union to Armenia.

"Armenia's electricity market reform requires a strong regulatory framework and effective implementation. The discussions with experts from Hungary and the European Union are of great value. These will provide an opportunity to address the liberalisation and balancing of the electricity market, the regulation of energy storage systems, the development of the institutional capacities of regulatory bodies, the ensuring of compliance with legal requirements, the protection of consumer rights, and the enhancement of market transparency", stated Mesrop Mesropyan, Chairman of the Public Services Regulatory Commission (PSRC) of Armenia.

Over the two days, participants addressed key aspects of electricity market reform, including electricity market liberalisation and balancing mechanisms, energy storage regulation, institutional organisation and regulatory governance, enforcement and sanctioning powers, and coordination between energy regulators and competition authorities. Particular attention was also given to consumer protection, quality of service, complaint handling, Guarantees of Origin and renewable energy disclosure, highlighting the importance of transparent market arrangements and effective consumer safeguards.

Through expert presentations and moderated discussions, Armenian and Hungarian counterparts explored practical regulatory challenges, shared lessons learned and discussed approaches relevant to the further development of Armenia's electricity sector.

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