

PRESS RELEASE

Balkan Energy School is established to support regional market integration with the EU and promote the energy transition

The association is based at ARERA and its first chairman Stefano Saglia, a member of the Board

Milan, 16 December 2022 - The Balkan Energy School (BES) was established today in Milan to assist with the harmonisation of the regulatory framework at regional level and support the development of the Balkan energy market and its effective integration at European level.

The BES's work will mainly focus on the development of electricity and gas networks, the integration of renewable energy resources, market coupling and other activities relevant to the energy transition and through intensive capacity building and know-how exchange.

The regulatory authorities of Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro and North Macedonia are the founding members, which may be joined by other authorities in the coming months, and have appointed Stefano Saglia, a member of the ARERA board, as chairman for 2023-24.

'Our commitment to extending the European energy market to the Balkan region is confirmed, especially at this delicate historical moment and considering the increasing volume of infrastructure investments taking place', Mr. Saglia declared.

The BES, based within ARERA, grew out of the experience of the KEP (Know How Exchange Programme) project, promoted and coordinated by ARERA over the past four years within the framework of the Central European Initiative (CEI) funding programme.