

Press Release

The European Forum of Electricity Regulation concluded in Rome

Rome, 10 June 2022 – The annual meeting of the **Electricity Regulatory Forum**, the European forum on the regulation of electricity, established at the initiative of the European Commission in 1998 for a discussion on the creation of the internal electricity market, took place in Rome on 9 and 10 June.

The meeting, hosted by **ARERA** (Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment), involved the National Regulatory Authorities, representatives of the governments of the Member States, the European Commission, transmission system operators (TSOs), energy sector associations, consumers, network users and electricity exchanges.

The event was dedicated to analyzing the developments of the electricity market in the light of the intervention measures envisaged by the **RepowerEU plan** of the European Commission.

Regulatory issues such as the launch of Regional Coordination Centres, the capacity mechanism and resource adequacy, the Regulation on capacity allocation and congestion management (CACM 2.0) were addressed.

A focus was also dedicated to tariffs for electric mobility, during which the Italian case was presented as one of the best practices. Ahead of the Forum were also held the **Board of Regulators of the European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators** (ACER)* and the **General Assembly of the Council of European Energy Regulators** (CEER)**.

The meetings were an opportunity for a discussion on the various measures to be implemented to address the energy crisis triggered by the Russian-Ukrainian war, in particular with a view to decarbonizing the European energy mix and security of supply, for a new energy market design.

The European Commission has also presented an update on the recent measures taken (RePowerEU plan, Gas Storage Regulation).

The President of ARERA, **Stefano Besseghini**, at the opening of the Electricity Forum, hoped that *"we can work to define ex-ante a common regulation, to have in advance tools able to face situations of exceptional price volatility, containing the effects for final consumers. In this way – underlined Besseghini – individual interventions could be coordinated at national level, giving greater certainty to market operators"*.

Leading the work of ACER's Board of Regulators was **Clara Poletti**, Chair of the Board and member of the BOARD of ARERA, who highlighted how *"The current energy crisis is unprecedented: extremely high and volatile price levels combined with security of supply risks have hit families and businesses hard. European Regulators are committed, alongside Governments, to act in the emergency to implement cost containment and consumer protection measures"*.

ACER - European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators

The European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) was established in March 2011 with the Third Energy Package as an independent body to promote the integration and completion of the European internal energy market for electricity and natural gas. ACER is one of the EU's decentralised agencies. Unlike the EU institutions, the agencies are established as separate legal entities to carry out specific technical and scientific tasks that help the EU institutions and Member States to implement policies and take decisions. ACER is headquartered in Ljubljana, Slovenia. EU agencies also support cooperation between the European Union and national governments by combining technical and specialist expertise. By promoting cooperation between National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs), ACER ensures that the integration of national energy markets and the implementation of legislation in the Member States are met according to EU energy policy objectives and regulatory frameworks.

CEER - Council of European Energy Regulators

In March 2000, national energy regulatory authorities voluntarily set up the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) to facilitate cooperation for common interests and for the promotion and creation of a single, competitive, efficient and sustainable internal market for gas and electricity in Europe. The CEER serves as a platform for cooperation, exchange of information and assistance between European national energy regulators and represents their interface at EU and international level. On EU issues, CEER works closely with the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) CEER also promotes the sharing of best regulatory practices outside the European framework through its participation in the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) which brings together similar associations from around the world, including NARUC (America), ERRA (Central/Eastern Europe) and MEDREG (Mediterranean region).