



ACER-FSR report launch: Benefit sharing to promote more efficient investments in energy infrastructure

Thursday, 6 June 2024 | 14:00 - 16:00 CET

Online and at CEER offices, Cours Saint-Michel 30a, 1040 Brussels

AGENDA

Indicative time	Event items
14:00 - 14:05	Introduction Rafael MURUAIS GARCIA, EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)
14:05 - 14:15	The policy context Anca-Iulia CÎMPEANU, DG ENER, European Commission
14:15 - 14:35	Presentation: FSR Report on benefit-based remuneration of efficient infrastructure investments Nicolò ROSSETTO, Florence School of Regulation (FSR)
14:35 - 14:45	Regulatory reflections Clara POLETTI, ARERA and Chair of ACER's Board of Regulators (online)
14:45 - 15:25	Panel Discussion Moderator: Jan KOSTEVC, EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) Panellists: Guro GRØTTERUD, SMARTEN (online) Michaël VAN BOSSUYT, IFIEC Uros SALOBIR, ENTSO-E Alberto POTOTSCHNIG, Florence School of Regulation (FSR)
15:25 - 15:55	Q&A
15:55 - 16:00	Closing remarks Rafael MURUAIS GARCIA, EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)





Event objective

Significant investments in electricity grids are needed to realise Europe's decarbonisation objectives and ensure a high level of security of supply. Relying on traditional solutions to satisfy current and future system needs is likely to come at a significant cost for society and may not be compatible with the ambitious schedule defined in the European Green Deal.

With the digitalisation of the electricity sector and the progress in several technologies giving rise to smarter and more affordable solutions, it is now possible to reduce the costs and lead times associated with the expansion of electricity grids. However, despite their advantages, these innovative solutions are not yet spearheading investment choices.

The lack of drive to adopt innovative and more efficient infrastructure solutions triggered the European Commission to address the matter in its EU Action Plan for Grids. ACER was thus tasked to recommend best practices on how to promote smart grids and network efficiency technologies through tariff design, focusing on the consideration of operational expenditure (OPEX) in addition to capital expenditure (CAPEX) and benefit sharing.

As the behaviour and choices made by system operators are predominantly governed by regulatory frameworks, ACER and the Florence School of Regulation (FSR) propose an additional course of action that regulators can take when it comes to incentivising a more efficient use of existing and future electricity grids. The proposed scheme, as developed by the FSR, will be presented and discussed in this hybrid event.