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## Europe's energy regulators stand with Ukraine in today's power grid synchronisation with Continental Europe

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- **Energy regulators offer support in the emergency situation in Ukraine, and today's successful power grid synchronisation with Continental Europe**
- **Regulators work to ensure stability of the European energy system and in particular in the Member States adjacent to Ukraine**

Europe's energy regulators represented by their EU Agency, ACER<sup>1</sup>, and the national regulators' association, CEER<sup>2</sup>, offer support to the massive efforts to address the emergency situation in Ukraine to ensure uninterrupted and safe energy supply. Today, the Transmission System Operators (TSOs) of Continental Europe completed the emergency synchronisation of the Ukrainian and Moldovan power grids with Continental Europe ([see the ENTSO-E<sup>3</sup> press release](#)).

ACER and CEER offer support to the regulator of Ukraine and those of the bordering countries, that is Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, so that they can react quickly to upcoming needs. Already some measures have been taken by regulators and others to ensure firm reverse flow capacities into Ukraine so that they can continue to receive gas from the EU. ACER and CEER recognise the work of the Energy Community colleagues in coordinating regulatory support to Ukraine and we in turn offer our support and services to the Energy Community<sup>4</sup>.

Regulators remain committed, in close coordination with EU policy makers and TSOs, to ensure security of energy supply in Europe in the coming period.

Commenting on the situation, the **ACER Director, Christian Zinglensen**, stated:

*"We applaud the round-the-clock efforts of the Transmission System Operators (TSOs) of the Regional Group Continental Europe (RGCE), ENTSO-E, ENTSOG, Ministries, the European Commission, the Energy Community, regulators, industry and others who are working tirelessly to help the Ukrainian TSO and regulator to power and warm homes and hospitals in Ukraine in these difficult times".*

On the diverse CEER support for Ukraine, the **CEER President, Annegret Groebel**, added:

*"CEER represents 39 European national regulatory authorities for energy. We are all united in sympathy for the suffering of the Ukrainian people and our concern for colleagues in the National Energy and Utilities Regulatory Commission (NEURC) of Ukraine. We stand in solidarity with Ukraine."*

**Ends** (see notes for editors below)

### Notes for editors

1. The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) is a European Union Agency. ACER plays a central role in the development of EU-wide network and market rules with a view to enhancing competition. The Agency coordinates regional and cross regional initiatives, which favour market integration. It monitors the work of the European networks of transmission system operators (ENTSOs), and notably, their EU-wide ten-year network development plans (TYNDPs). ACER also monitors the functioning of gas and electricity markets in general, and of wholesale energy trading in particular. Visit [www.acer.europa.eu](http://www.acer.europa.eu).

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2. The Council of European Energy Regulatory (CEER) is the association of Europe's national regulatory authorities (NRAs), serving as their voice at EU and global level. CEER's members and observers, from 39 European countries, are the independent statutory bodies responsible for energy regulation at national level. 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. Visit [www.ceer.eu](http://www.ceer.eu).
3. The European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E) is the association for the cooperation of the European Transmission System Operators (TSOs). The 39 member TSOs, representing 35 countries, are responsible for the secure and coordinated operation of Europe's electricity system, the largest interconnected electrical grid in the world. For up-to-date information on the Ukraine power situation, visit [www.entsoe.eu](http://www.entsoe.eu).
4. The Energy Community is an international organisation which brings together the European Union and its neighbours to create an integrated pan-European energy market, including Ukraine and Moldova. The key objective of the Energy Community is to extend the EU internal energy market rules and principles to countries in Southeast Europe, the Black Sea region and beyond on the basis of a legally binding framework. The Energy Community has established an emergency gas energy supply group whose purpose is to coordinate and respond at short notice in case of disruptions to gas supplies disruptions in Eastern Europe/South-East Europe, which may also have an impact on electricity supplies. Visit [www.energy-community.org](http://www.energy-community.org).

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