

Engagement of Citizens in Energy in the Context of Sustainability

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Fostering energy markets, empowering **consumers**.



Agenda

Overview of CEER

European energy context, including renewables

European energy retail market

CEER Recent and Planned Work



Overview of CEER

Council of European Energy Regulators

Voice of Europe's national energy regulators at EU and international level

35 Members and Observers

Not-for-profit organisation

HQ in Brussels

8 permanent staff



CEER: Fostering energy markets, empowering consumers

- Independent platform for cooperation between 35 European NRAs
- Promotes competitive, secure and sustainable markets in the interests of consumers
- Champions sound energy regulation with stakeholders, incl. policy-makers
- Supports NRAs and encourages best practices:
 - Training Academy
 - Workshops
 - Papers, reports, benchmarking

Putting consumers at the heart of energy policy: CEER-BEUC 2020 Vision







The Energy Context in Europe

Liberalised Markets Competition

Consumer choice

Demand-side and prosumer growth at DSO level

Renewables Growth Dispersed and Variable

Low marginal cost

Often small-scale at DSO level

New Technology

Smart Meters
Smart Grids
Smart Heating
Electric Vehicles
Internet of Things
Data Management
Cybersecurity





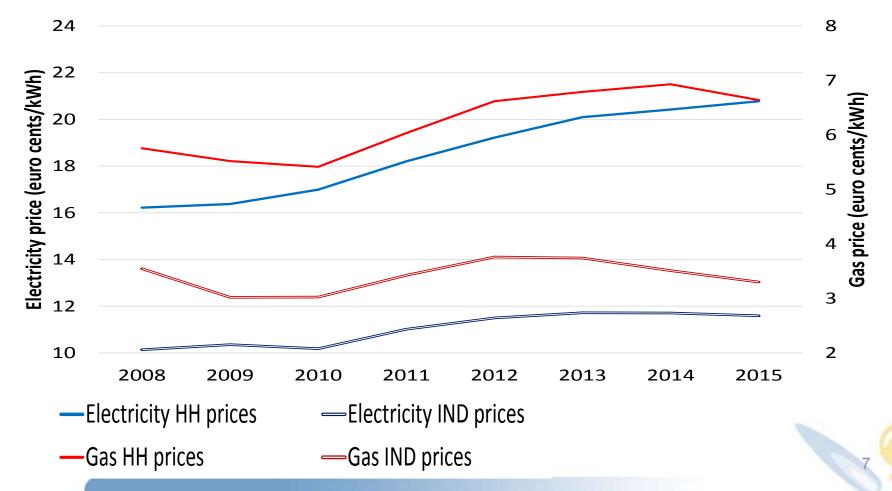
The Energy Context in Europe

- Decarbonisation and green agenda is central
- Renewables circa 25% of European electricity generation
 - and rising





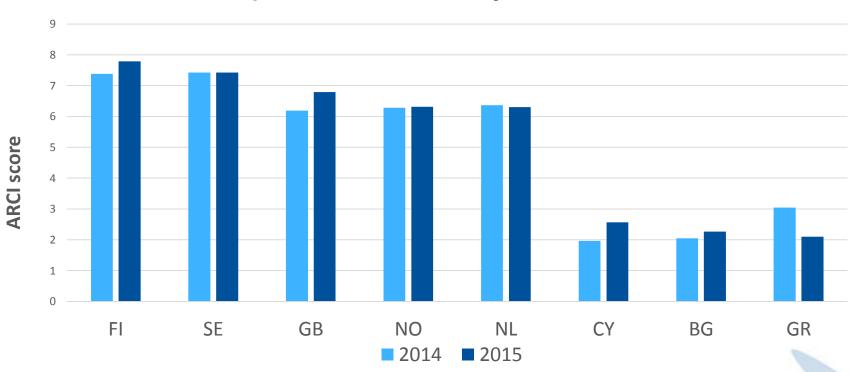
- Energy wholesale market integration progressing
- ACER/CEER MMR: prices falling again, except for elec HH





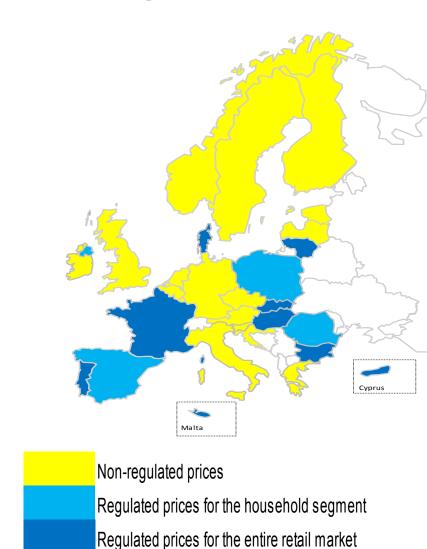
- Retail competition and consumer empowerment still mixed, with industry benefitting more than households
- Retail competition varies across EU

ACER Retail Competition Index, Electricity Households, ACER/CEER MMR





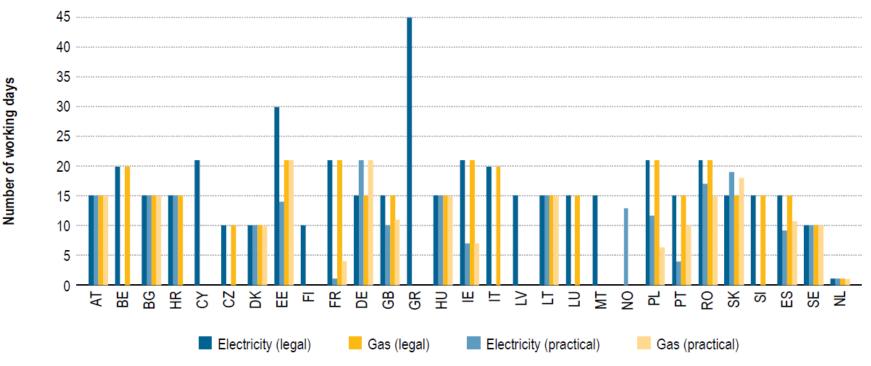
- Many retail markets still price regulated - with a lower average ARCI
- More choice for consumers where prices have been liberalised for longer - electricity shown on RHS
- We recommend price deregulation once the market is competitive
- We support facilitating new supplier entry by reducing barriers
- We advocate consumer protection and empowerment





- Average change of energy supplier time is 14 working days
- ACER/CEER vision of 24 hours by 2025

Change of Supplier Time, ACER/CEER MMR Report

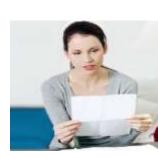




Recent CEER Consumer Deliverables

Moving Ahead on 2020 Vision and A Bridge to 2025

- Paper on well-functioning retail energy markets Oct '15
- Report on removing entry barriers for suppliers April '16
- Position on early termination fees May '16
- Report on commercial barriers to switching July '16
- Consultation on retail market metrics handbook Sept '16
- Position Paper on renewable self-generation Sept '16
- ACER-CEER MMR Nov '16
- Consultation on GGP for Comparison Tools Dec '16











CEER Work Programme 2017

Four key areas

- Consumers and retail markets
- New legislative/policy developments:
 - ► ACER-CEER "Overview Paper" on Clean Energy already published
 - ► White Papers on Clean Energy planned
- The role of DSOs:
 - ► Papers on tariffs, flexibility and incentives planned
- International work beyond the EU

Plus

- Complementing ACER in building the IEM
- Scenario analysis for the future European natural gas market
- Work in gas SoS, and on LNG and gas storage barriers
- GGP on auction design for RES support





CEER Consumer Deliverables for 2017

- Handbook on well-functioning retail markets
- GGP on removing barriers to new supplier entry
- Report on customer-driven smart technology
- GGP on Comparison Tools
- ACER-CEER MMR
- CEER Annual Customer Conference

PEER: a new cross-sectoral initiative for consumer rights

- Includes various cross-sectoral bodies
- In 2017 PEER will focus on:
 - Smart metering, data privacy and data protection and the Internet of Things
 - Cybersecurity













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