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Liberalization and regulation of infrastructure services

Fostering energy markets, empowering **consumers**.

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Cooperation among energy regulators

- Alongside the governmental agreements, other forms of cooperation exist favouring the development of investments and infrastructure services
- Energy regulators very active in this field
 - More flexible approach
 - Technical competences instead of political even if official bodies





Various ways to cooperate EU single energy market implementation

- EU legislation requires the creation by MS of the NRAs and set up a European agency to facilitate their cooperation
 - ► ACER since 2011
- NRAs also active on a volontary basis.
 - CEER is an association since 2000
- Intense bilateral cooperation among NRAs, notably on interconnection issues





Areas of cooperation

- Network codes
- Market monitoring
- Rules for the use and the development of cross-border interconnections
- Consumers
- Exchanges of good practices with other regulators associations
 - Several initiatives towards neighbouring regions, notably the Balkans and the mediterranean area





Cooperation beyond the EU The Balkans

- Energy Community Treaty: progressive implementation of EU legislation in the Balkans with the same objectives
 - Promoting market development and competitiveness, security of supply, sustainability beyond EU borders
- Dialogue and common work with Energy Community NRAs
 - Energy Community Regulatory Board
 - ► Technical workshops, joint working groups sessions, training





Cooperation beyond the EU The Mediterranean area

- Close links with the members of the Association of Mediterranean regulators
 - Medreg currently chaired by CRE (France)
- Main aim: setting up a Mediterranean energy community
 - ► Institutional issues
 - Market integration and monitoring
 - Consumer protection
 - Capacity building
 - External relations
 - ► Annual forum





Cooperation beyond the EU The Mediterranean area

- Current focus on investments in infrastructure
 - ► Mapping of infrastructures of regional interest
- Set up a transparent and stable regulatory framework for attracting investment
 - Harmonisation of rules across borders
- Provide a long term perspective for investments
 - Coordination with TSOs
 - ► Stakeholder engagement





Conclusion

- Cooperation among regulators is a valuable tool to complement, in a more flexible way, the governmental agreements
- The security provided by a stable regulatory framework and accountable regulators is highly appreciated by investors
- OECD is currently developping a framework to evaluate the performance of regulators and to improve it



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