

Training Day at the 9th World Forum on Energy Regulation

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Introduction

The Training Day on energy issues is organised in Tbilisi (Georgia) on 21 September 2026 by the Florence School of Regulation (FSR), in cooperation with the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), and with the involvement of internationally recognised energy sector experts and specialists from other schools of regulation and regional regulators' organisations, such as the African School of Regulation (ASR), the Public Utility Research Center (PURC), the Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA) and the Association of the Portuguese-Speaking Energy Regulators (RELOP).

The Training Day takes place within the framework of the [9th World Forum on Energy Regulation](#) (WFER IX), hosted by the Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission from 21 to 24 September 2026.

The training programme covers various areas of the energy sector. Leading specialists introduce participants to best international practices related to the independence and accountability of regulatory authorities, effective regulatory tools, principles of price regulation and market transparency, as well as regulatory approaches to smart charging of electric vehicles.

The training modules also include thematic sessions on youth and women empowerment for the energy sector transformation, regional energy market integration, regulatory frameworks for infrastructure investments and system flexibility, consumer protection issues, the decarbonisation of non-electrifiable energy demand, and regulatory mechanisms for energy system resilience. The topics are aligned with the thematic priorities of WFER IX, including regional energy integration, consumer empowerment, effective regulation, grid flexibility and energy transition investments.

The Training Day opens with a plenary session, followed by three slots comprising thematic training modules. In each slot, three modules run in parallel. During registration, participants are invited to select the module they wish to attend in each slot, according to their areas of interest.

The Florence School of Regulation represents a unique combination of a university research group, a platform for regulatory and policy dialogue, and a professional executive training provider, aimed at promoting the improvement of policy and regulation in a number of sectors – energy, climate, transport, water and waste – across Europe and worldwide.

To register for the training, please visit the WFER IX [Registration Page](#) | *Places are limited.*

Programme

OPENING

08:15 - 08:30 Welcome

08:30 - 09:30 The independence and accountability of regulators: best practices and challenges

Ann Rendahl | National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)

Pedro Verdelho | Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) – Energy Services Regulatory Authority (ERSE), Portugal

Alberto Pototschnig | Florence School of Regulation (FSR)

SESSION 1

09:45 - 11:30 **Module 1A:** The tools for effective regulation

Moderator: **Annegret Groebel** | Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) – Federal Network Agency (BNetzA), Germany

Instructor: **Ignacio Pérez Arriaga** | Florence School of Regulation (FSR)

Discussant: **Katie Sieben** | National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)

09:45 - 11:30 **Module 1B:** Regulating the fuels value chain: from market transparency to energy transition

Moderator: **Abdulkadir Shettima** | African School of Regulation (ASR)

Instructors:

– **Vita Mateso** | National Agency for Oil, Gas and Biofuels (ANPG), Angola

– **Ana Lúcia Costa** | Energy Services Regulatory Authority (ERSE), Portugal

Discussant: **Rocío Prieto** | National Commission of Markets and Competition (CNMC), Spain

09:45 - 11:30 **Module 1C:** Electromobility and the regulation of smart charging

Moderator: **Clara Poletti** | Florence School of Regulation (FSR)

Instructor: **Luca Lo Schiavo** | Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA)

Discussants:

– **Anna Collyer** | Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC), Australia

– **Alexandre Santos** | Energy Services Regulatory Authority (ERSE), Portugal

SESSION 2

11:45 - 13:30 **Module 2A:** Just transition: empowering youth and women to transform the energy sector

Moderator: **Ilaria Conti** | Florence School of Regulation (FSR)

Discussants:

– **Anna Collyer** | Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC), Australia

– **Carol Ofafa** | African School of Regulation (ASR)

– **Erin Hammel** | National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)

– **Nadia Horstmann** | Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) – Federal Network Agency (BNetzA), Germany

11:45 - 13:30 **Module 2B:** Regional energy market integration

Moderator: **Alberto Pototschnig** | Florence School of Regulation (FSR)

Instructor: **Ignacio Pérez Arriaga** | Florence School of Regulation (FSR)

Discussants:

– **Nikoloz Sumbadze** | Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER), EU4Energy Phase III

– **Tony Clark** | National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)

11:45 - 13:30 **Module 2C:** Regulatory framework for infrastructure investment and system flexibility

Moderator: **Neva Espinoza** | Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)

Instructor: **Clara Poletti** | Florence School of Regulation (FSR)

Discussants:

– **Ricardo Loureiro** | Energy Services Regulatory Authority (ERSE), Portugal

– **Abdulkadir Shettima** | African School of Regulation (ASR)

SESSION 3

14:30 - 16:15 **Module 3AC:** Consumer protection

Moderator: **Jehmal Hudson** | National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)

Instructor: **Natalie McCoy** | Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) – Energy Services Regulatory Authority (ERSE), Portugal

Discussant: **Alberto Pototschnig** | Florence School of Regulation (FSR)

14:30 - 16:15 **Module 3B:** Decarbonising non-electrifiable energy demand

Moderator: **Ilaria Conti** | Florence School of Regulation (FSR)

Instructor: **Ann Rendahl** | National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)

Discussant: **Annegret Groebel** | Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) – Federal Network Agency (BNetzA), Germany

14:30 - 16:15 **Module 3C:** Regulatory frameworks for system resilience

Moderator: **Luca Lo Schiavo** | Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA)

Instructors:

– **Clara Poletti** | Florence School of Regulation (FSR)

– **Ted Kury** | Public Utility Research Center (PURC)

Discussant: **Tammy Cordova** | National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)