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POWERING PROGRESS: REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES
SPARKS DIALOGUE ON SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR HEATING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN
TBILISI, GEORGIA

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The Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) on behalf of the European Commission’s EU4Energy Programme – “Promoting the Clean Energy Transition in the Eastern Partnership Countries” and the Elizbar Eristavi Energy Training Center (ENTC) of the Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC) are welcoming energy sector experts from Eastern Partnership countries to the two-day **High-Level Conference on Sustainable Heating and Energy Efficiency in the Eastern Partnership**.

This event facilitates capacity building, knowledge sharing, and dialogue on sustainable heating practices, including policy development, modernisation efforts, renewable energy integration, and efforts to address climate change. Participants are given the opportunity to learn from European experts on strategies to enhance environmental sustainability in the heating sector and the pace of energy efficiency initiatives in their countries.

“Decarbonising the heating and cooling sector is central to achieving the EU’s energy and climate targets. Although there is a diverse landscape of heating practices, approaches, and systems across countries, making heating and cooling sustainable, increasing the use of renewable energy sources and boosting the energy efficiency of buildings is a common interest and shared goal that unites us all,” states Nicholas Cendrowicz, Head of Cooperations at the Delegation of the European Union to Georgia.

“In addressing the decarbonisation challenge, energy regulators are dedicated to empowering consumers to actively participate in the energy transition. These green transition policies are designed to not only reduce consumers’ carbon footprint but also enhance energy efficiency and accelerate the transformation of energy markets. EU4Energy is therefore an important instrument in the Eastern Partnership region,

aiming to assist the countries to achieve these objectives by delivering EU experience,” says Mara Berzina, Secretary General of the Council of European Energy Regulators.

With a diverse line-up of speakers and sessions, the conference addresses topics such as renewable energy integration, energy efficiency measures, and clean energy transitions through energy communities and features case studies from European countries on sustainable heating and energy efficiency initiatives. Hereby, the status quo of the Eastern Partnership countries with regard to heating and energy efficiency will be discussed.

The EU4Energy initiative is funded by the European Union with a total budget of €8.5 million and is jointly implemented by the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER), the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the Energy Community Secretariat (EnCS). The programme highlights the importance of collaboration and cooperation between the EU, implementing partners and beneficiary institutions in carrying out reforms and bringing concrete benefits to citizens.

For the detailed conference programme, please refer to:

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