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EU Supports Energy Sector Cybersecurity of the Eastern Partnership Countries

Moldova, 20 June 2024 – The **Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)**, in the framework of the European Union’s **EU4Energy Phase II Programme – Promoting the Clean Energy Transition in the Eastern Partnership Countries**, is welcoming energy sector representatives from the Eastern Partnership (EaP) Countries on 19-20 June for a two-day training in Chisinau, the Republic of Moldova on Regional Training on Cybersecurity.

Technological developments create new opportunities but they also bring challenges that require fast, effective, and well-prepared responses. Along with the rapid increase in digitalisation processes, cybersecurity has been rising on the agenda of many organisations. Based on the specific nature of its activities, the energy sector is particularly exposed to cybersecurity threats. This emphasises the importance of cybersecurity in the energy sector and the need for continuous training and cooperation to address evolving concerns.

By bringing together employees responsible for cybersecurity from the EaP countries and international experts, the training explores opportunities for enhancing cybersecurity practices and tools in the energy sector. The event highlights the growing role of cybersecurity and strengthens the knowledge and capacities of the beneficiaries for fortifying cyber resilience.

The regional training is hosted by the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Moldova as a response to the country’s specific needs in strengthening cybersecurity and to promote dialogue at the regional level.

Funded by the European Union with a total budget of €8.5 million and jointly implemented by CEER, the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the Energy Community Secretariat (EnCS), the EU4Energy Programme Phase II – Promoting the Clean Energy Transition in the Eastern Partnership Countries aims to contribute to the development of sound legislative and regulatory frameworks for energy, to support the region’s transition to clean energy and the liberalisation of its energy markets.

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