



**CRE**

Romanian Energy Center

*Consolidating the European Dimension  
of the Romanian Energy Sector*

Romanian Energy Center  
Profile and activity  
2016

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# Message from the President

*“Five years of professionalism in advocating  
in the interest of our Members”*



This year marks the 5th Anniversary of the Romanian Energy Center. Five years of professionalism in advocating in the interest of our Members and of the Romanian energy sector:

This anniversary comes in a crucial moment for the European Union, faced with a multitude of challenges starting with its very existence. 2016 is also the year of delivery for the Energy Union, the EU's proposed framework for strengthening the European energy sector and boosting competitiveness, while delivering safe, secure and affordable energy to its consumers.

Throughout the year, proposals from the European Commission will be published in order to put some technical flesh on the political bones of the Energy Union.

The Romanian Energy Center was active and contributed to these consultations. Using the expertise and availability of its Members to be more involved in the European and national decision-making process and also in the national framework, CRE made informed contributions to all stakeholders meetings and consultations putting forward the Romanian energy market's position and consolidating its voice in Bucharest and Brussels.

Five years after its launch, CRE is a mature, trustworthy professional Association that managed to build a network of key policy-makers essential in shaping the EU energy policy as to reflect Romanian energy market's specifics, to boost its strengths and seize opportunities in its weaknesses.

I am confident that we are closer than ever to serve as a unified voice of our country's energy sector and facilitate our individual's members understanding of how the EU could better work in their favor. Associating under a professional Association is a strategic decision, the only Brussels recipe for influencing the stakes. CRE Members acknowledged the importance of partnering under a common mission. With this in mind, I strongly believe that CRE is empowered to carry its efforts further in 2016 and ensure that its members, state-owned and private companies operating on the Romanian energy market, have the opportunity to have their say in shaping the energy policy to their interest and the benefit of their consumers.



Corneliu BODEA  
President  
Romanian Energy Center

# About the Romanian Energy Center



The Romanian Energy Center launched its activity in September 2011 in Brussels and in Bucharest, facilitating the development and strengthening of relationships between its members and partners and providing informed counselling on national and European energy policy.

## Our members

Members of the Romanian Energy Center are both state-owned companies, where the state is a major shareholder and private companies in the energy sector:

☐ ADREM



☐ BIOENERGY SUCEAVA



☐ COMPLEXUL ENERGETIC OLTENIA



☐ CONPET



☐ ECRO



☐ SOCIETATEA ENERGETICA ELECTRICA



☐ E.ON ROMANIA



☐ ENERGOBIT







☐ EXIMPROD



☐ INSTITUTUL DE STUDII SI PROIECTARI  
ENERGETICE (ISPE)



☐ CEZ ROMANIA



☐ ROMGAZ



☐ TRACTEBEL ENGINEERING - ENGIE



☐ TRANSELECTRICA



☐ TRANSGAZ



☐ TUCA ZBARCEA & ASOCIATII



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## Secretariat

The Romanian Energy Center's Secretariat share their resources between the Bucharest and Brussels offices.

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CRE works as a non-governmental, non-profit and non-political organization that identifies, supports and equally represents the interests of its members.

CRE is a professional organization with the following aims:

- To represent the interests of the companies and organizations operating in the Romanian energy sector (covering all the relevant areas such as electricity, gas, oil, water, nuclear, coal, renewables, energy services and R&D) towards with the national and European institutions, as well as other relevant international institutions and energy organizations.
- To inform and provide advisory services mostly on energy-related topics and particularly on issues such as electricity, gas, oil, water, coal, nuclear, renewable energy by putting to use its experience and knowledge about European markets, financial solutions, management and consultancy on the development of energy strategies;
- To organize events meant to enhance the cooperation and the integration of projects developed by the institutions of the Romanian energy sector into the framework designed by the European institutions.



# Latest publications

The Romanian Energy Center has contributed to several EU consultations launched in 2016 on important pieces of legislation in the framework of implementing the Energy Union.

## New Energy Market Design

The electricity system in Europe is facing several changes with visible consequences on the power market, with a direct impact on stakeholders, mainly on system operators' (TSOs) which have the responsibility to ensure a reliable and well-functioning power system and facilitate the market. The power system is under continuous evolution. In consequence, the market design requires systematic updates in line with the needs of the power system but there is also the need to ensure appropriate and timely grid investments.

## Review of the Renewable Energy Directive

CRE believes that the renewal energy potential is still under-exploited, particularly in certain areas and as regards certain technologies. This potential should be fully put into use by measures such as promoting the integration of renewable energy in the local infrastructure and public services to a larger extent, supporting local authorities in taking the initiative to develop renewable energy projects, facilitating cooperation between various actors, as well as facilitating access to financing.

## Review of the Energy Efficiency Directive

CRE consider that the EED is an essential instrument in achieving the 2030 targets. In our position paper, we draw attention to the lessons learned from implementation to date and call for an integrated approach.



## Romanian Energy Day

High-Level Annual Policy and Business Conference, gathering together key stakeholders from Bucharest and Brussels capitals and debating some of the most pressing issues on the EU and Romanian energy agenda.



## Policy Roundtables in Bucharest and Brussels

Themes-specific roundtables organized in collaboration with and for the Members of the Romanian Energy Center and interested stakeholders in order to debate specific policy issues.



# Who we are



Launched in 2011, the Romanian Energy Center (CRE) is a non-governmental, non-profit professional organization that brings together state-owned and private companies operating on the Romanian energy market in areas such as electricity, oil and gas, coal, energy services and related legal services.

CRE's twofold objective is to ensure a business friendly environment and boost competitiveness for the Romanian energy sector, whilst developing the dialogue and cooperation between its member companies and relevant national and European authorities and institutions active on energy policy.



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