



# European Energy Network

## Facts and News

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**ANRE**

**(Romania)**

*European Energy Network (EnR)*

*Presidency & Secretariat 2017*

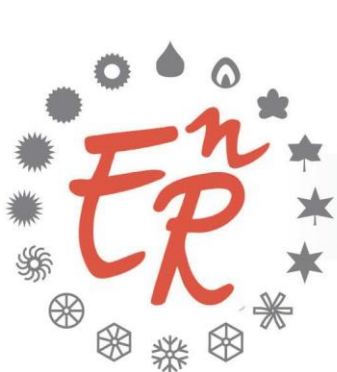
In September 2017, the European Commission Vice-President for Energy Union Maros Sefcovic congratulated Romania for having already met its 2020 renewables target and for making excellent progress towards its energy efficiency target and stressed the need to continue with plans to reform its energy market, in the context of the Clean Energy package under negotiations with European co-legislators.

In the view of the progress made by Romania in meeting the national targets in energy efficiency, starting 23 February 2017 until 22 February 2018, ANRE assured the EnR Network Presidency & Secretariat for one-year period. During its Presidency, ANRE proposed as focus topic the Energy poverty in EU and MS.

Increasing energy efficiency will benefit the environment, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve energy security, cut energy costs for households and companies, help alleviate energy poverty and contribute to growth and jobs.

The ANRE focus topic for 2017 identified into the Position Paper and presentations the relevant approaches and best practices of the EnR members and European partners for addressing energy poverty, in order to ensure for consumers consistent access to clean and affordable energy by promoting the use of energy efficiency measures.

**ANRE appreciated the excellent support of the EnR members and relevant stakeholders during the EnR Network Presidency for proactively discussing the energy efficiency measures at European level, for addressing energy poverty.** All the presentation from the meeting held during ANRE Presidency of EnR - EnR M61 in June 2017, hosted in Bucharest by ANRE and EnR TGM, hosted in Salzburg by the AEA in September 2017, are available on ANRE and EnR websites.



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EnR Regular & Full Meeting	22-23 February 2017	Zurich
Joint workshop of Energy Agencies (EnR) and Environment Protection Agencies (EPAs) in Europe on GHG mitigation and decarbonisation	8 March 2017	Brussels
Romanian Energy Center Conference - <i>Romanian Energy Day 2017</i> <a href="http://www.crenerg.org/en/about-us/">http://www.crenerg.org/en/about-us/</a>	30-31 May 2017	Brussels
EnR Regular Meeting M61 <a href="http://www.anre.ro/ro/eficienta-energetica/informatii-de-interes-public/info-eficienta-energetica1386850500/anre-presedinte-enr-2017/comunicat-12-06-2017-comunicat-12-06-2017-anre-organizeaza-la-bucuresti-intalnirea-enr-regular-meeting-m61-in-perioada-14-15-iunie-2017&amp;page=1">http://www.anre.ro/ro/eficienta-energetica/informatii-de-interes-public/info-eficienta-energetica1386850500/anre-presedinte-enr-2017/comunicat-12-06-2017-comunicat-12-06-2017-anre-organizeaza-la-bucuresti-intalnirea-enr-regular-meeting-m61-in-perioada-14-15-iunie-2017&amp;page=1</a>	14-15 June 2017	Bucharest
World Energy Council - Romanian National Committee Conference : " <i>Romanian Legislation and new European orientation on vulnerable consumers and energy poverty</i> " <a href="http://www.cnr-cme.ro/">http://www.cnr-cme.ro/</a>	14 September 2017	Bucharest
EnR Thinking Group Meeting <a href="http://www.anre.ro/ro/eficienta-energetica/informatii-de-interes-public/info-eficienta-energetica1386850500/anre-presedinte-enr-2017/intalnirea-enr-thinking-group-salzburg-27-28-septembrie-2017&amp;page=1">http://www.anre.ro/ro/eficienta-energetica/informatii-de-interes-public/info-eficienta-energetica1386850500/anre-presedinte-enr-2017/intalnirea-enr-thinking-group-salzburg-27-28-septembrie-2017&amp;page=1</a>	27-28 September 2017	Salzburg
EnR Regular & Full Meeting M62 Handover of EnR Presidency to ENEA, Italy	21-22 February 2018	London

In February 2018, the EnR Secretariat ensured by the Energy Efficiency Department of ANRE is involved in organizing together with the Energy Saving Trust the EnR Regular & Full Meeting - M62. The meeting will take place in London and will be hosted by EST.



## **ANRE management and legislative updates:**

Since October 2017, for a 5 years term, Mr. Dumitru Chirita was appointed by the Romanian Parliament as President of the Romanian Energy Regulatory Authority (ANRE).

**Mr. Zoltan Nagy – Bege** was also appointed, for a 5 years term, as ANRE Vice-President by the Romanian Parliament. He is also the Head of the Energy Efficiency Department within ANRE, replacing the former Vice-President and Head of the Energy Efficiency Department, Mr. Emil Calota.

**Mr. Zoltan Nagy – Bege** has more than 10 years' experience working on energy regulatory activities; since 2007 as General Director for gas market, regulations for electricity, renewables, energy efficiency and cogeneration and the last 5 years as member of the Regulatory Board of ANRE.

In the context of the national and European energy targets, **Mr. Zoltan Nagy-Bege** has carried out an important role regarding the implementation of the current energy legislation and elaborating the secondary regulations, by promoting the constructive dialogue with all stakeholders in the energy regulatory activity and the sustained dissemination of the relevant energy legislation at national and European level. Also, starting October 2017, **Mr. Zoltan Nagy-Bege is the Full EnR member for ANRE and ensuring the EnR Presidency until 22 February 2018** when ENEA Italy will take over the next EnR Presidency for 2018.

In January 2018 entered into force law no. 1/2018 amending and supplementing Government Emergency Ordinance no. 33/2007 on the organization and functioning of the National Regulatory Authority for Energy, which supplements the number of employees to 350.

## **Other specific activities of the Energy Efficiency Department within ANRE**

- Continuing the authorization activity of energy managers and auditors
- Regulatory activity:

According to the Regulatory Program 2017-2019, the Department for Energy Efficiency continues to develop the secondary legislation for energy efficiency and renewable energy source.



- **ANRE Decision No. 860/2017** on the approval of models for the annual energy consumption declaration and for the energy analysis questionnaire for energy consumers.
- **Monitoring Report for big energy consumers with an annual consumption of more than 1000toe/year for 2016**

**In accordance with Art. 3 paragraph (2) letter j) correlated with Art. 9 of the Law No. 121/2014 on energy efficiency, the Department for Energy Efficiency within ANRE prepares a Monitoring report of the final energy consumers with an annual consumption of more than 1000 toe/year**

The Report is not available in English, but it can be downloaded in Romanian from ANRE's website: <http://www.anre.ro/ro/eficienta-energetica/rapoarte>

## International Cooperation

- **Participation within IEE projects:**
  - CA-EED** – ANRE has been part of the CA-EED project and will continue working on the implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive by participating within the CA-EED II project.  
CA-EED II will follow the actions of CA-EED project and will contribute to identifying common solutions and the documentation of the impact of the overall implementation of energy efficiency policies and measures in Member States.
  - ODYSSEE-MURE and INTAS (INDustrial and tertiary product Testing and Application of Standards)**
- **Ongoing cooperation between ANRE and AEA**
  - AEA-ANRE workshop in Bucharest, April 2018
  - Collaboration for a new Memorandum for Understanding 2018-2020/2021



## **Financing energy efficiency in Romania, Hungary and Bulgaria**

The European Commission, in partnership with the Ministry of Energy and the Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds of Romania, **the Romanian Energy Regulatory Authority (ANRE)** and the UN Environment Finance Initiative, organised a regional Conference on Financing Energy Efficiency in Romania, Hungary and Bulgaria, which took place in Bucharest on **1 February 2018**.

This event aimed to share best practices from Romania, Hungary and Bulgaria as well as further countries on how energy efficiency investments can be financed. This included the use of private funds and innovative financing instruments, notably in the building and industry sectors. The event contributes to the new cooperation on energy efficiency initiated by the CESEC.

<https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/events/financing-energy-efficiency-romania-hungary-and-bulgaria>

## **16 + 1 Energy Fair and Conferences**

16+1 Business Forum, Conference and Fair is an event dedicated to the energy industry and organized within the wider format of cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European countries (“16+1”). The event was organized with the support of Romanian Ministry of Energy and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and expected the participation of the 16+1 energy ministers together with high ranking officials from China, the CEE region and the European Union institutions, in order to convey a strong message of support for the overall cooperation in the energy field between countries in Central Eastern Europe and China.

**ANRE representative attended the event as speaker** on the panel dedicated to “Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency” with a presentation on the topic of “**Leadership on Coordinating Energy Efficiency in the Region. Lessons learned during the Presidency of EnR**”.

The event took place between **8-10 of November 2017**, in Bucharest and reunited companies operating in Central and Eastern Europe and in Chinese energy markets, as well as European Union and Energy Community officials and other relevant national and regional authorities interested and involved in the wider cooperation format with China.

## ***Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security” program***

On the **8<sup>th</sup> of November 2018**, ANRE was invited to deliver a presentation on "Energy Efficiency – Priorities and the regulatory framework” within the programme “*Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security*”, organized by Innovation Norway’s.



## **“Sustainable Energy in the Mediterranean: The Role of Energy Regulators and Agencies for Energy Conservation”**

The event is part of the work programme of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Platform. It aims at contributing to the objective of facilitating the energy transition in the Mediterranean region.

The workshop aimed to analyse legislative and regulatory practices to manage and promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources (RES) in Mediterranean countries. Based on the current regulatory framework, the workshop aimed to identify and discuss practices which can promote a coherent legislative approach to energy efficiency and RES in the region.

The workshop organized by ENEA (2018 EnR President) took place **23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**, in Brussels and was attended by Mrs. Mirela Plesca - EnR Secretariat 2017.

## **Launch of the EU Energy Poverty Observatory (EPOV) – 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2018, Brussels**

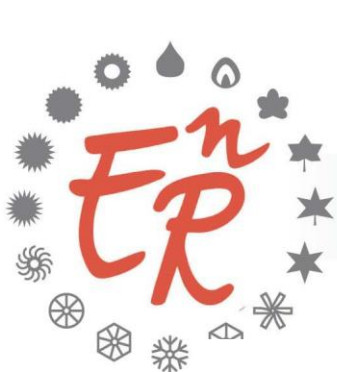
The creation of an EU Energy Poverty Observatory is part of the Commission's efforts to address energy poverty across EU countries. The Observatory aims to provide a user-friendly and open-access resource that will promote public engagement on the issue of energy poverty, disseminate information and good practice, facilitate knowledge sharing among stakeholders, as well as support informed decision making at local, national and EU level. The Observatory is being developed by a consortium led by the University of Manchester and includes, as core partners, Ecofys, National Energy Action, the European Policy Centre, Intrasoft International and the Wuppertal Institut.

The launch event provided stakeholders and the wider public with information on the objectives and instruments of the Observatory and was an opportunity to obtain feedback on their expectations of it.

It featured the participation of the Commission's Vice-President for the Energy Union Maroš Šefčovič, Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy Miguel Arias Cañete, and Director-General for Energy Dominique Ristori, along with numerous other high-profile speakers.

## **Future activities in 2018:**

- Cooperation within the EnR Troika
- Presenting the EnR Position Document for energy poverty to the regional conference “Fighting off Energy Poverty through Streamlined Energy Efficiency Policies in Multilevel Governance Perspective”- **19-20 March 2018 Sofia, Bulgaria**  
An event in the official agenda of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.
- EnR members’ cooperation for setting a consortium and drafting application to H2020 projects related to energy poverty.



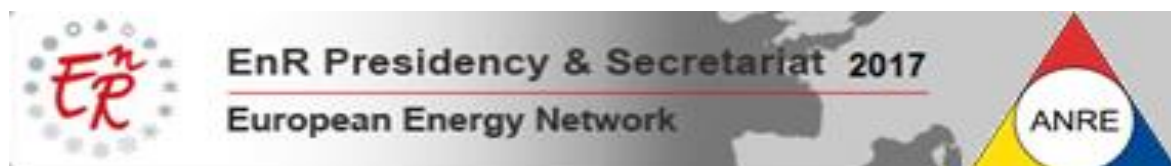
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## EnR Network Presidency 2017

The European Energy Network EnR is a voluntary network of national energy agencies within Europe and in neighbouring countries. Established in Strasbourg in 1991, EnR currently numbers 24 member agencies, each one with national responsibility for promoting and actively contributing to energy efficiency, renewable energies and environmental protection.

Starting February 2017, the EnR Presidency & Secretariat for one-year period is assured by ANRE (Romania). The EnR management is jointly formed by the EnR Presidency & Secretariat and the EnR Troika. The EnR network Troika consists of mandated agency representatives for the previous (DENA Germany), current (ANRE Romania) and ENEA Italy

Focus topic : *Energy poverty in EU and MS* – benchmarking of the relevant documents and reports



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