



**TRANSFORMING ENERGY POLICIES –
ADAPTING ENERGY REGULATION**

23rd ERRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

27-28 April, 2026

**HOSTED BY ÚRSO
in Bratislava, Slovakia**



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The **Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA)** is an inter-institutional non-profit organisation comprising of 48 members from Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa, North America unified by the shared goal of its regulatory members to improve energy regulation.

ERRA's focus is to facilitate the exchange of information and experience, regulatory research and capacity building among members and other stakeholders around the world.



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The **Regulatory Office for Network Industries (ÚRSO)** is the government regulator in network sectors - electricity, gas, district heating and water management - in Slovakia. The role of the Office is to protect the end consumer from abuse of the dominant position of monopolistic energy and water suppliers and at the same time to ensure the return on investments of business entities, so that the supply of energy and water is reliable and secure.



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PROGRAMS

APRIL 26 / DAY 0

Afternoon: Sightseeing tour of Bratislava Old Town

APRIL 28 / DAY 2

Morning: 23rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Afternoon: GENERAL ASSEMBLY meeting
(for members only)

APRIL 27 / DAY 1

All day: 23rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Evening: Conference GALA DINNER

APRIL 29 / DAY 3

All day: Parallel COMMITTEES' meetings

Agenda | Day 0: Monday, April 26, 2026

I City Train Tour of Bratislava

For complimentary registration to the program, please contact the organisers at the Secretariat no later than March 1, 2026

15:00 **Meeting Point**

- Double Tree Hilton Hotel

Bratislava Castle

- 20-minute stop

Slavín Memorial

- 15-minute stop

16:30 **End Point**

- Double Tree Hilton Hotel



Agenda | Day 1: Monday, April 27, 2026

08:00 Conference Registration Opens

I Opening Ceremony

- 09:00

Welcome Address
 - Ms. Andrijana Nelkova-Chuchuk, ERRA Chair; Head of Economic Department, Energy, Water Services and Municipal Waste Management Services Regulatory Commission of North Macedonia
 - Mr. Jozef Holjencik, Chairman, Regulatory Office of Network Industries, Slovakia
- 09:10

ERRA Anniversary Video
- 09:15

Welcome Address
 - The Honorable Robert Fico, Prime Minister of Slovakia (TBC)
- 09:25

Keynote Address
- 09:40

Diversity of ERRA Member Regulators – A Mapping Exercise
 - Mr. Luca Io Schiavo, Senior Regulatory Expert, ERRA

II Session I: Transforming Energy Demand

AI and data centers, electro-mobility and charging stations, smart metering and prosumers, demand flexibility and energy efficiency.

Session Moderator:

- 10:00

Introductory Presentation
 - Mr. Jorge Vasconcelos, Chairman, New Energy Solutions (NEWES), Portugal
- 10:10

Moderated Panel Discussion
 - Mr. David Williams, Executive Director, Economic Consulting Associates (ECA), United Kingdom
 - Mr. Balaji MK, Consultant, Thailand
 - TBC
 - TBC
 - TBC
- 11:00

Morning Break

Agenda | Day 1: Monday, April 27, 2026

IIa Session II/A: Transforming Electricity Generation and Storage

Renewable integration and storage regulation, decarbonization pathways, capacity mechanisms, remuneration of nuclear and its co-existence with renewables.

Session Moderator:

11:30 **Introductory Presentation**

- TBC

11:40 **Moderated Panel Discussion**

- Mr. Phuwanart Choonhapran, Assistant Secretary General, Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), Thailand
- Mr. Onur Uyanusta, Energy Expert, Energy Market Regulatory Authority (EMRA), Türkiye
- TBC
- TBC
- TBC

12:40 **Lunch Break**

IIb Session II/B: Price & Non-Price Regulation in the Gas Sector in Light of Geopolitical Changes in Europe

Key factors influencing the price level of gas transmission, distribution, and storage. Price regulation of gas supply for vulnerable customers.
Focus on increased education of gas customers, and the efficient use of supplied gas.

Session Moderator:

11:30 **Introductory Presentation**

- Mr. Fred Hutchison, President & CEO, The USLNG Association (LNG Allies)

11:40 **Moderated Panel Discussion**

- Mr. Konstantin Petrov, Managing Consultant, DNV Energy Systems, Germany
- Mr. Michal Lalík, Director of Business Division, Slovenský Plynárenský Priemysel, a.s., Slovakia
- TBC
- TBC

12:40 **Lunch Break**

Agenda | Day 1: Monday, April 27, 2026

IIIa Session III/A: Transforming System Operation

Blackout and security in the era of renewable, balancing challenges incl. cross-border platforms, ancillary services and close to real-time markets.

Session Moderator:

14:00 **Introductory Presentation**

- TBC

14:10 **Moderated Panel Discussion**

- Mr. Jaroslav Kubinec, Slovenská elektrizačná a prenosová sústava, a.s, Slovakia
- Mr. Francisco Salazar, Partner at Gadex, Enix and Trust, Mexico; Coordinator of the International Confederation of Regulators (ICER)
- RBC
- TBC
- TBC

15:10 **Afternoon Break**

IIIb Session III/B: Gas Trading & Transmission in Central Europe: Is There a Case for Establishing Gas Hub(s)?

Discussions about the necessary conditions for establishing gas hubs including LNG, gas interconnections and storage.

Session Moderator:

14:00 **Introductory Presentation**

- TBC

14:10 **Moderated Panel Discussion**

- Ms. Barbara Lempp, COO, Energy Traders Europe, Belgium
- Mr. Milan Sedláček, Head of EU Affairs and Strategy, Eustream, Slovakia
- Mr. Rastislav Ňukovič, Chief Executive Officer, Eustream, a.s., Slovakia
- Mr. Zoltán Gellényi, Member of the Board, FGSZ Natural Gas Transmission, Hungary
- TBC

15:10 **Afternoon Break**

Agenda | Day 1: Monday, April 27, 2026

IVa Session IV/A: Transforming Transmission and Distribution Networks

Infrastructure investment, incl. cross-border projects; smart grids and digitalization, network tariff structures, and incentive regulation.

Session Moderator:

15:40 **Introductory Presentation**

- TBC

15:50 **Moderated Panel Discussion**

- Mr. Géza Losonczy, Associate Partner, Head of Energy & Utilities Advisory Services, KPMG Tanácsadó Kft., Hungary
- Mr. Alexandr Černý, Director of the Electricity and Gas Technical Regulation Department, Energy Regulatory Office (ERO), Czech Republic
- Mr. Samir Akhundov, Chairman of the Board, Azerbaijan Energy Regulatory Agency (AERA)
- TBC
- TBC

17:00 **Day 1 Adjourn**

IVb Session IV/B: Regulatory Issues of Nuclear Renaissance

Remuneration of new nuclear: market-based, RAB-model, other?
Large nuclear and SMR/AMR, «coal to nuke», behind-the-meter solutions for Energy Intensive Users.

Session Moderator:

15:40 **Introductory Presentation**

- TBC

15:50 **Moderated Panel Discussion**

- Ms. Sama Bilbao y León, Director General, World Nuclear Association (WNA)
- Dr. Henri Paillere, Head of Planning and Economic Studies Section, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- Mr. Szabolcs Molnár, Director of Power Generation Supervision, Energy Production Management, MVM Zrt., Hungary
- Mr. Marek Aadamec, Head of Economic Model Department, CEZ Czechia
- TBC

17:00 **Day 1 Adjourn**

Agenda | Day 2: Monday, April 28, 2026

09:00 Welcome and Invitation to the 2026 ERRA Annual Conference location

V

Session V: Transforming Retail Supply & Customer Engagement

Market liberalization vs regulated prices, household price regimes and subsidies, vulnerable customer protection, active customer engagement (including energy community).

Session Moderator:

09:10 **Introductory Presentation**

- TBC

09:20 **Moderated Panel Discussion**

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- TBC
- TBC
- TBC
- TBC

10:30 **Morning Break**

VI

Session VI: Regulatory Independence & Governance Challenges

Independence frameworks, strategic plans and accountability mechanisms, multisector regulation, and enforcement powers (including market monitoring).

Session Moderator:

11:00 **Introductory Presentation**

- Ms. Emmanuelle Wargon, President, French Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE); Chair of the Board of Regulators of the EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

11:10 **Moderated Panel Discussion**

- Ms. Ann Rendahl, President, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC); Commissioner, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission United States of America
- Ms. Ifey Ikeonu, Principal Consultant, Emtech Energy Services, Nigeria
- TBC

12:20 **Conference Concludes; Lunch**

SPEAKERS



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250+
participants**

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regulatory
organizations
from
4 continents**

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Institutions
from ERRA
network**

WHY TO ATTEND?

**25 years of experience behind us
makes this Conference:**

- A flagship event in regional energy regulatory conferences
- An excellent opportunity for a high-level dialogue between the regulators and other stakeholders of the energy industry
- A truly professional event, focusing on the latest regional issues, trends and developments in the energy industry
- An outstanding occasion for exchange of ideas with high-level energy regulators of the ERRA region



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES



Early-bird rates are available
until 15 February, 2026

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2 delegates are waived
299 EUR + 23% VAT /person

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FROM THE AIRPORT TO BRATISLAVA CITY CENTER



Bratislava Airport (BTS)
www.bts.aero

The Bratislava Airport (BTS) is served mainly by low cost carriers. Due to close proximity of much larger Vienna International Airport, we advise that you search for flights landing at nearby Vienna Airport (VIE). From Vienna Bratislava is only an hour away! Buses to Bratislava depart at 30 to 60-minute intervals. Check the following companies: slovaklines.sk, flixbus.com, regiojet.com.

VENUE & ACCOMMODATION

DoubleTree by Hilton Bratislava

Special room rates are available for conference delegates until March 15. Single room rate EUR 133, double room rate EUR 153/ person/ night. Reservation is through **this link**.



BRATISLAVA

Discover Bratislava, the heart of Slovakia and a hidden gem of Central Europe!

With its charming Old Town, riverside cafés, and majestic castle overlooking the Danube, Bratislava offers a perfect mix of history, culture, and modern flair. This compact capital delivers unforgettable experiences with a warm, welcoming vibe.

Between networking and knowledge-sharing, immerse yourself in Slovak culture, world-class hospitality, and memorable experiences that go far beyond the conference room.

We're thrilled to meet you in Bratislava!

