

ERRA Committee reorganization: from 4 to 3 Standing Committees

Preliminary Information

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The rationale: how and why restructure

- ❑ Shift from 4 to 3 new Committees (effective May 2026)
 - **CP COM** - Customer Protection Committee (*intact as it is now*)
 - **EM COM** - Energy Markets Committee (*new*)
 - **EG COM** - Energy Networks/Grids Committee (*new*)
- ❑ Rationale: more efficient participation
 - for instance: gas/electricity split: but tariff issues similar between gas/electricity - same experts in 2 separate COMs
 - similar for network (technical) and market (economic) issues
- ❑ Attempt to solve current overlapping problems and thus avoid excessive joint meetings and coordination challenges; examples
 - RES topics overlap between EMER and ET; Hydrogen crosses between GF and ET

The regulatory logic

- ❑ Clear separation: monopoly regulation vs. competitive markets
 - **EM COM** - Energy Markets Committee: focuses on facilitating competition and market design in the era of RES integration/flexibility
 - **EG COM** - Energy Networks Committee: handles necessary regulation of monopoly infrastructure
 - **CP COM** - Customer Protection Committee: bridges both with consumer-focused mandate and looks after independence-related issues

Each COM Scope of work split in thematic areas: see next slide for a wrap-up view

- ❑ Cross-sectoral approach (no fragmentation by gas or electricity)
 - both electricity and gas integrated in relevant committees
 - better alignment with regulatory organizations' internal structure
- ❑ Fewer committees = lower meeting costs, travel, logistics

Cross-cutting topics logic

- ❑ Why "**Energy Transition**" removed from committee names?
- ❑ Transition impacts **ALL** committees, not just markets
 - **EM COM** - Energy Markets Committee: RES integration, flexibility, new technologies (storage), etc.
 - **EG COM** - Energy Networks Committee: grid modernization, smart infrastructure, hydrogen infrastructure etc.
 - **CP COM** - Customer Protection Committee: prosumers, energy communities, e-mobility
- ❑ Cross-cutting topics require coordination
 - Stricter coordination by ERRA Secretariat
 - Possible joint meeting occasions
 - Each committee addresses impact on its specific domain

Scope of Work: organised per «sub-areas»

EM COM Sub-areas

- ❑ **Area 2.A:** RES Integration and Support Mechanisms
- ❑ **Area 2.B:** Market Design and Flexibility Solutions
- ❑ **Area 2.C:** New Technologies and Decarbonization Pathways
- ❑ **Area 2.D:** Emerging Market Roles and Regulatory Innovation

EG COM Sub-areas

- ❑ **Area 3.A:** Economic Regulation and Tariff Methodologies
- ❑ **Area 3.B:** Infrastructure Development Planning and Grid Investments
- ❑ **Area 3.C:** Quality, Reliability and Resilience; Digitalisation and Smart Infrastructure
- ❑ **Area 3.D:** Whole Energy System Issues

Scope of Work: EM COM Sub-areas

Area 2.A: RES Integration and Support Mechanisms

- RES support schemes design and evolution: feed-in tariffs, feed-in premiums, auctions, and their impacts on investors, consumers, and the speed of fossil fuel substitution
- Non-price support mechanisms: land usage rights, connection privileges, tax exemptions, priority dispatch, Guarantees of Origin, streamlined administrative procedures
- RES integration challenges: grid connection procedures, curtailment management, forecasting

Area 2.B: Market Design and Flexibility Solutions

- Power system flexibility enhancement: energy storage technologies, demand response programs, capacity mechanisms, flexibility markets design
- Wholesale markets evolution: day-ahead, intraday, balancing, and ancillary services markets redesign to accommodate variable renewables
- Organized markets functioning: trading platforms, transparency requirements, regulatory coordination for regional market integration
- Wholesale market monitoring and reporting schemes, detection of market abuse and misconduct
- Household regimes/Retail: price regulation, progressive liberalization (freedom of choice for suppliers), retail monitoring.

Scope of Work: EM COM Sub-areas

Area 2.C: New Technologies and Decarbonization Pathways

- Hydrogen evolution: market design, feasibility of establishing markets, supply chain development, regulatory frameworks
- Renewable and low-carbon gases: biomethane, synthetic fuels, regulatory challenges and lessons learned
- Electrification of end-uses: e-mobility infrastructure , renewable heating and cooling solutions, sector coupling opportunities

Area 2.D: Emerging Market Roles and Regulatory Innovation

- Decentralization phenomena: distributed generation, prosumers, energy communities and other new roles in the evolving energy landscape
- Regulatory experimentation: sandboxing approaches, regulatory innovation to facilitate new technologies and business models
- Energy transition challenges in fossil fuel-dependent and emerging economies: development of adequate regulatory frameworks, just transition considerations

Key issues: workplan, agenda, terms

- ❑ **Workplan** development: at the beginning of the period (June 2026)
 - **Two-year workplan structured by thematic areas**
 - Chair, Deputy and (if any) Vice-Chairs contribute to workplans:
 - topics for discussion
 - proposed deliverables (possibly with available persons)
 - realistic timeline and milestones (according to available persons)
- ❑ **Agenda** setting: at latest by the end of each meeting
 - each “area-owner” (he/she can be: the Chair, the Deputy, the additional vice-Chair) should propose the topics to be treated for next meeting
 - at every physical meeting, round table for information and news
- ❑ **Mid-term review**: after one year
 - progress assessment, workplan adjustments, new topics inserted

COM leadership structure

- ❑ Each Committee shall have
 - **Chair:** mandatory, 1 per committee, as it is now: *Appointed via formal procedure (application → Presidium shortlist → Committee vote)*
 - **Deputy Chair:** mandatory, 1 per committee, as it is now: *Designated by Chair with Committee consensus (vote)* can substitute the Chair when needed and act as vice chair
 - Up to 2 Additional **Vice-Chairs:** (optional, voluntary basis):
 - Each responsible for one (or more) thematic sub-areas
 - Contribute to develop, update and oversee workplans per his/her own area
 - Appointed through internal Committee voting
 - Secretariat oversight for balanced distribution
- ❑ Thematic «area ownership» is distributed among Chair, Deputy and (if any) additional vice-Chairs

Implementation

❑ Next steps

- January Presidium meeting: Final discussion
- April 2026 - General Assembly – formal approval
- May 2026 – Call for committee membership nominations
- late June/July 2026 – First meeting (workplan process starts)
- September/October 2026 – first physical meeting: workplan process ends

Wrap-up: what we want to achieve

- ❑ **Efficiency** - from 4 to 3 committees, reduced overlaps, lower cost
- ❑ **Clarity** - Separation of monopoly regulation (networks) from competitive markets
- ❑ **Resource integration** - Cross-sectoral approach (no gas/electricity fragmentation)
- ❑ **Flexibility and thematic ownership** – adaptive vice-Chair structure, aligned with thematic sub-areas
- ❑ **Planning and accountability** – 2-year workplan (already in use) + mid-term reviews (experimented in 2025, spread responsibilities)



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