



# Regional Updates & Issues

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- In 1999, an ad-hoc Steering Committee began development of the structural and operational elements of the future association
  - In December 2000, a Constitution was signed by 15 members that established the ERRA in Bucharest.
  - New enlargement of the Association took place in May 2004 - 3 new Full Members (Bosnia & Herzegovina, Republic of Macedonia and Mongolia) and one Associate member (the National Regulatory Authority for Municipal Services of Romania) joined ERRA
  - To date ERRA lists 22 Full and 4 Associate Members
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## Purpose –

- The Association's main objective is to increase exchange of information and experience among its members and to expand access to energy regulatory experience around the world.

### **The Founding Members identified the purpose of ERRA as follows:**

- to improve national energy regulation in member countries,
- to foster development of stable energy regulators with autonomy and authority and to improve cooperation among energy regulators.
- In addition, the Association strives to increase communication and the exchange of information, research and experience among members

## Organizational Structure

- The **General Assembly** is the Association's supreme body comprised of all Full Members. The Assembly supervises the activities and affairs of the Association. The Assembly meets at least once a year.
- The **Presidium** acts upon the General Assembly's behalf respecting Association operations and planning during the period between Assembly Meetings.
- The **Secretariat** provides administrative assistance to the General Assembly, to the Presidium and to the Standing Committees. The Secretariat is located in the same city as the Seat of the Association

## **1st ERRA-CEU Summer School on Energy Regulation**

**(July 21-25, 2003, Budapest)**

- 3 Modules: Introduction, Licensing, Tariffs
- 35 participants
- Instructors: 9 ERRA regulators, 1 CEU professor, 1 Outside Consultant

## **2nd ERRA-CEU Summer School on Energy Regulation (July 26-30, 2004, Budapest)**

- 30 ERRA, 5 CEU participants
  - Curricula to be worked out soon
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- **Aim**: promoting bilateral assistance and training projects within the Association
    - PUC Latvia – NERC Ukraine: August 2003
    - PUC Latvia – EMRA Turkey: February 2004
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- **Workshop on Rate of Return Regulation (RoR) Versus Incentive Based Regulation (IBR) (Bucharest, 2004)**
  - **Workshop on Gas Tariffs (Kiev, 2004)**
  - **Cross-border Tariffs**
  - **Stranded Cost**
  - **Performance Evaluation**
  - **Case Studies: Implications of Revaluation of Fixed Assets of Regulated Companies for Tariff Policies; Distinguishing Natural Monopolies Revenues' from other types of Activities. Regulator's Position; Supply Quality Standards and Regulation from HEO's respect**
  - **ERRA Online Tariff Database**
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- **Study Tour (Competition related issues)**
  - **Workshop on Russian Market Model (Moscow, 2003)**
  - **Workshop on Balancing Markets (Bucharest, 2004)**
  - **Gas TPA Guidelines**
  - **Distribution: Public Service Obligations**
  - **Security of Supply**
  - **Performance Standards/Monitoring WG**
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- **Gas Transmission and Distribution**
  - **Gas Pricing**
  - **Quality of Supply**
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- **Aim: bringing together legal staff of ERRA members**
  - **Topics: decision making process, dispute resolution process, appeal process, transparency, openness**
  - **Participants: 21 lawyers from ERRA members**
  - **Result: Comparative Survey: Legal Regulation in ERRA Member Countries**
  - **Future: regular meeting place for ERRA lawyers**
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- **New ERRA website as of September 2003**
  - **Operated by the ERRA Secretariat**
  - **Parallel Russian sites**
  - **More user-friendly**
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- **ERRA Member Directory** (address, phone/fax numbers, email addresses of ERRA members, collection and compilation of organizational charts and other materials on organization)
  - **ERRA Member Profiles** (key statistics, market structure, current issues)
  - **Newsletter** (includes ERRA and Member updates on relevant energy regulatory issues)
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- **Fee-for-Service Programs**
  - **Online Tariff Database**
  - **Conference Proceedings**
  - **Conference Registration Fees**
  - **Conference Sponsorship**
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- Promote Implications of new EU Directives and increase the role of The Regulators
  - Focus on Issues Related to Market Opening, Regional Markets, and Export-Import Regulations
  - Increase Training and Professional Development Opportunities
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