



## ANNOUNCEMENT

On 16 December 2022, the Balkan Energy School (BES) was founded in Milan, based in the premises of the Italian Regulator. BES shall promote the harmonization of the regulatory frameworks in regional level aiming to support the development of the Electricity Market in Balkan and the integration of the latter in the European Market.

After the initiative undertaken from ARERA, the Regulatory Authorities of Albania, Bosnia Hercegovina, Monte Negro and North Macedonia are the founding members. The other regulatory authorities shall be able to join on the following months. BES was in continuation of the successful experience of the KEP (Know How Exchange Program), which was promoted and coordinated by ARERA during the 4 last years, as part of the structure of the financing program of the Central European Initiative (CEI). The activities of BES shall mainly be focused on the development of electricity and natural gas markets, RES integration, the market coupling, and other relevant activities, under the energy transition and the activities for the construction of the technical capacities and the know how exchange between the Regulators. The founding members of the organization appointed Mr. Stefano Saglia, Board member of ARERA, as the Chairman for the 2023-24 period which confirmed ARERA

engagement for the expansion of the electricity European market in Balkan region, especially in this important moment, considering the rapid increase of the investments in infrastructure.

