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Karina Knaus joined the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) in January 2025 as Head of the Market Information and Transparency Department. Previously, she headed the Centre for Economy, Consumers and Prices at the Austrian Energy Agency. Her focus areas there were energy markets and energy policy as well as data-driven analyses of energy prices and costs. From April 2021 to the end of 2024 she also held the function of Member of the Regulatory Commission at the Austrian National Regulatory Authority, E-Control. Before joining the Austrian Energy Agency in 2016 she was with E-Control as a staff member, eventually taking on the role of Deputy Head of the Regulation & Competition Department. Between August 2012 and August 2013 she was seconded as a Resident Twinning Advisor for a EU Twinning Project in Croatia on the harmonisation of Croatian regulations with the *Acquis Communautaire* and overall strengthening of the energy market sector.

Approaching 20 years of experience in the fields of energy, regulation and competition, her work has spanned a large variety of topics. At E-Control her main interests were in monitoring and analysing energy wholesale markets across the EU. Similarly, she worked intensively in data collection and data analysis and gained exposure to REMIT. At the Austrian Energy Agency she had the overall responsibility for a large number of national and European research and consulting projects covering a wide range of topics from transparency in energy markets over market design issues to users' behaviour and awareness. For many years she was also a lecturer in the areas of Public Utility Management and Finance at the University of Vienna.

Karina holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Vienna (Thesis: "The Privatisation of Public Utilities") degrees from the University of Bristol (Masters in Economics, Bachelor in Economics and Sociology) and a PG Diploma on Economics for Competition Law from King's College London. Throughout she has contributed studies and reports in her field of expertise.