

SHAPING POLICY AND REGULATION FOR COMPETITIVE AND GREEN DEMOCRACIES

Established in 2010, CERRE is an independent, Brussels-based think tank. Our membership brings together enterprises, public institutions, regulatory agencies, and academic centres. Our vision is to **shape policy and regulation for competitive and green democracies**.

To deliver this vision, we:

- undertake evidence-based and independent academic research;
- build upon our expertise and reputation to convene and engage with policymakers, regulators, industry, civil society, and academia; and
- aim to shape a policy environment that promotes innovation and investment, protects the interests of users and consumers, and upholds the fundamental rights of citizens, in Europe and beyond.

We work across **Tech, Media, Telecom, Energy, Mobility, and Sustainability**, and other industry and service sectors. We place a particular focus on the cross-sector issues that increasingly connect these sectors.

Our academic team is multidisciplinary, with 30+ renowned economists, lawyers, engineers, data analysts, and political scientists from leading universities.

WHY JOIN CERRE?

1) Engage with policy- and decision-makers at all levels and connect across Member States and sectors

CERRE members inform **pre-legislative discussions on emerging policy questions with EU and national decision-makers**. These exchanges include exclusive, off-the-record roundtables and high-level breakfasts/lunches/dinners to give participating members first-hand insight into policymakers' thinking, allowing them to share their on-the-ground perspectives, understand priorities, and anticipate shifts in direction early. Top-level guests include Prime Ministers, Ministers, Commissioners, CEOs and other policy, regulatory and industry leaders.

2) Participate in high-impact research that informs better policy and regulation

CERRE delivers **policy-oriented research - from concise issue papers to in-depth reports** - turning complex questions into actionable, evidence-based recommendations for regulators and policy makers.

We consult our members on the CERRE annual research programme. Members can:

- suggest new research projects and provide input on the scope of projects under consideration;
- join projects' kick-off discussions with academics, peers, regulators, and policy makers; and
- join projects' steering committees.

Joining a steering committee allows a member to:

- contribute to policy discussions in the pre-legislative phase;
- engage directly with the academic authors;
- contribute factual evidence (data, case studies) to ground academic work in market, political, and regulatory realities;
- participate in workshops to exchange views and provide comments on the direction of projects;
- review and comment on draft publications to stress-test analyses and findings; and
- represent their own perspectives in public launch events and exchange with institutional stakeholders.



CERRE publications have a high impact. The reports are widely read across EU, Member States, and third country institutions and regulators, frequently cited in policy debates, and used by practitioners to inform implementation. Thanks to early exchanges with those drafting upcoming legislative initiatives, as well as a variety of impacted stakeholders, **CERRE's insights make an impact on decision-makers.** This is also illustrated by the ever-increasing number of website visitors, newsletters, LinkedIn and YouTube subscribers: this ensures that insights travel from paper to policy. In addition, the CERRE academic community plays an active and influential role in policy and regulatory debates at the national, EU, and international levels.

3) Raise your visibility at public policy events

CERRE regularly convenes public conferences and webinars for open, well-informed exchanges among senior decision-makers and experts. CERRE members are invited to speak on high-level panels, present evidence, and share their organisation's perspectives with a broad policy audience. Steering committee members of CERRE projects are offered speaking slots at the public launch of associated publications.

4) Access to team's insights

The CERRE team stays at all times closely connected with members, offering informal exchanges, fresh ideas, and foresight on future policy and regulatory developments in Europe and beyond. Members also receive early access to emerging findings and we are happy to offer tailored briefings on priority topics.

HOW CERRE ENSURES INDEPENDENCE

CERRE's independence, and the respect of it by its members, are essential to the think tank's credibility – and to ensuring its work makes an impact. Members' input and contributions are welcome, but the final content and recommendations rest solely with the academic authors. In addition, every publication undergoes a peer review to assess the robustness of methods, analyses, and recommendations.



RECENT RESEARCH

Digital & AI

AI Act Implementation Forum (2025–26)

– legal and technical ideas to support effective, future-proof application of the AIA.

DMA@1: Looking Back and Ahead (2025)

— actionable policy recommendations for an effective and proportionate implementation of the EU Digital Markets Act, aiming at increasing contestability and fairness on EU digital markets.

DSA Implementation Forum (2025) –

Evidence-based recommendations on age-appropriate design and age verification to better protect children online.

Better Law-Making for the EU Digital Rulebook (2025) — lessons to streamline, align, and evaluate in a robust way the effects of the EU's digital rulebook.

Energy, Mobility & Sustainability

Flexibility in the Energy Sector (2025) -

pathways to double system flexibility by 2030.

Cross-Border Cost Allocation for Electricity Transmission Networks (2025)

- discussing alternative pathways to the financing of cross-border power lines.

Towards a More Dynamic Regulation for Energy Networks (2024) - adapting network regulation for net-zero under uncertainty.

Cross-sector & Competitiveness

From Gridlock to Grid Asset: Data Centres for Digital Sovereignty, Energy Resilience, and Competitiveness (2025) - integrating growing digital demand with net-zero goals.

Charting a European path to competitiveness (2025) - translating the bloc's technology and investment ambitions into policies to boost productivity, economic growth, and leadership.

Ambitions for Europe 2024–2029 (2024) - nine actionable priorities to boost EU resilience and competitiveness.

MEMBERSHIP & PROJECT FEES

CERRE is funded by membership fees and project sponsorship, and is also open to donations. Annual membership fees vary by category (enterprises, public institutions, regulators, academic centres) and size of member organisations. Project sponsorship, provided by corporate and public institutions, but not by regulatory agencies, is priced according to the project format and the number and size of sponsoring organisations. We will be pleased to discuss the most suitable arrangement for your organisation.

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