

## THE ROMANIAN ENERGY CENTER ASSOCIATION PARTICIPATED AT EVISION 2022 EVENT ORGANIZED BY EURELECTRIC

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The representatives of the Romanian Energy Center Association (CRE) participated at "EVisiion 2022 - Power Sector Accelerating E-mobility" Event organized by Eurelectric, on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2022. EVision22 is an initiative from Eurelectric's business hub, a platform convening the various e-mobility players in and beyond the power sector to accelerate transport electrification.

**Eurelectric** is the federation for the European Electricity Industry. The Association represents the Power Sector in over 32 European countries, speaking for more than 3,500 companies in power generation, distribution and supply. Eurelectric provides effective representation in public affairs and promote the role electricity in addressing the challenges of sustainable development. It's mission is to contribute to the development and competitiveness of the electricity industry, to provide effective representation for the industry in public affairs and to promote the role of a low-carbon electricity mix in the advancement of society.

The **Agenda** of the Evisiion 2022 Event underlined important and interesting topics such as: policy vision; executive vision; the presentation of EY-EURELECTRIC Report on utilities accelerating the e-mobility transition; aspects regarding the regulatory framework for e-mobility acceleration; the role of businesses in accelerating the transition and accelerating customer acceptance.

**Evisiion 2022** Event highlighted key findings from the recent joint Report of Eurelectric and EY company: **"Power sector accelerating e-mobility - Can utilities turn Electric Vehicles (EVs) into a grid asset?"**. This **Report** examines the imminent challenges and opportunities for power and utilities companies and identifies what they can do to accelerate eMobility.

The key findings from this report are in line with the power and energy sector, as following: the transition to zero-emissions road transport has accelerated significantly, the European Union (EU) has set ambitious targets for charging points on core highway infrastructure by 2030, eMobility will only go faster if it works for the customer. Additionally, three main barriers are holding back a faster infrastructure launch, such as: permitting delays, and availability of, and access to real estate; delays in getting grid connections, and diversity of infrastructure and process complexity creates investment uncertainty. Moreover, the Distribution System Operators (DSOs) can play a crucial role in streamlining the infrastructure launch process through proactive investments, improving transparency, and supporting the ecosystem.

Innovation projects are a priority for **CRE** Association, for its Members and for all entities that have related concerns in this field. CRE is in a continuous development and aims to successfully implement eleven European Projects, funded by the European Commission through the H2020 and Erasmus+ Programs, in which it is a member, together with its partners. After six years of intensive activity of the **Innovation and Development Department**, CRE is among the top ten Romanian Organizations from over three thousand entities that managed to win European funding, with a total exceeding four million euros, according to the **statistics** of the EC

CRE already implemented five European H2020 Projects: **SUCCESS**, **RESERVE**, **NRG5**, **WISEGRID**, **SOGNO** and is currently implementing other six projects: **CROSSBOW**, **PHOENIX**, **TRINITY**, **EDDIE**, **EDGEFLEX** and **CYBERSEAS**.

CRE Association is an active and strategic partner together with its members and other potential members of the International Consortium for the implementation of multiple Energy Projects funded by the European Commission (EC).

