

## PRESS RELEASE

### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGULATORS OF MIBEL

#### The Board of Regulators of MIBEL reviews its activity in 2022

- Published a document with the main requirements of the financial regulations applicable to electricity derivative contracts.
- Launched the second edition of the MIBEL Prize, having the purpose to honour academic and research works on MIBEL and the integration of electricity markets.
- Held meetings with relevant participants in the energy sector to delve deeper into the challenges of the energy transition for MIBEL and its financing.
- Monitored the development of the spot and forward markets of MIBEL within the current context marked by an increase in the level of prices and their volatility.

**December 13, 2022** – The Chairs Committee of the Board of Regulators of the Iberian Electricity Market (CR MIBEL) has reviewed its activity in 2022 and discussed the work plan for next year during the meeting held yesterday.

The following participants attended the meeting: José Miguel Almeida, member of the Board of the Portuguese Securities Market Commission (CMVM); Rocío Prieto, Director of Energy of the Spanish National Commission on Markets and Competition (CNMC); Montserrat Martínez Parera, Vice-Chair of the Spanish National Securities Market Commission (CNMV); and Pedro Verdelho, Chairman of the Portuguese Energy Service Regulating Entity (ERSE).

The CR MIBEL reviewed its activity in 2022, this being marked by several initiatives related to the liquidity of the forward market of MIBEL and to the energy transition, apart from the regular activities of CR MIBEL following up the organised market infrastructures of the Iberian Electricity Market, together with the development of the spot and forward markets.

The publication, in July 2022, of a document with the main requirements of the financial regulation applicable to electricity derivative contracts, stands out among the scope of initiatives related to the forward market of MIBEL. The aim of the document was to contribute towards a greater knowledge on the impact of the financial regulation on the negotiation of electricity derivatives and, in this manner, to potentially minimise the uncertainty regarding this in non-financial entities trading in the forward market of MIBEL.

Likewise, a summary was presented of the main measures to promote a greater participation of agents in the forward market of MIBEL, proposals made by the operator of the forward market of MIBEL and by the central counterparties (CCPs) of MIBEL. One of the proposals was related to the use of bank guarantees by the non-financial clearing members and the presentation of public guarantees to CCPs in period of high volatility, a measure recently taken by the European Commission.

Launching the second edition of the MIBEL Prize, in May 2022, aiming to promote the participation of the academic community in the study of the energy transition within the context of MIBEL, to be handed out in 2023, stands out among the initiatives related to the energy transition. The Board of Regulators also reviewed the debate held with the participants of MIBEL -associations of large consumers, associations of renewable energy producers and banking associations- on aspects related to the energy transition and its financing. The concern regarding

the current levels of prices in the spot market and the macroeconomic context for the development and financing of projects related to the energy transition, together with the need for regulatory stability were some of the aspects mentioned by the participants.

Throughout 2022, the Board of Regulators also performed a continuous monitoring of the development of the Iberian Electricity Market -spot and forward market- and the management of the interconnection between Spain and Portugal. 2022 was inevitably marked by an increase in the levels of prices and the volatility in MIBEL, in line with the European energy markets.

Finally, the Chairs Committee addressed the Work Plan for the next term, to be chaired by the Spanish National Commission on Markets and Competition from 1 January 2023 onwards. Among others, the plan envisages an analysis of the development of the profile of agents in the forward market of MIBEL and a follow up of the measures adopted at the European level, impacting on MIBEL, within the context of high prices in the energy sector.

### **Note regarding MIBEL**

The competences of the CR MIBEL are provided for in the International Agreement regarding the establishment of an Iberian electricity market between the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic, signed in Santiago de Compostela on October 1, 2004, later amended in Braga on January 18, 2008. The Agreement includes the coordinated actions of its members with regard to regulation, operation and supervision of the Iberian Electricity Market.

The CR MIBEL performs its activities through a Chairs Committee, comprised by the chairs of each of the authorities involved, and a Technical Committee, made up by representatives of these same authorities. The presidency is one that rotates between its members and having one-year duration. The CNMC will succeed the CMVM in this presidency on January 1, 2023.

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