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ECN+ Directive: what will the plus bring?

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SPEAKERS



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Competition in energy markets: the way to ensure affordable and secure supplies for all consumers

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Ms Teresa Moreira is Head of Competition and Consumer Policies Branch of UNCTAD since October 2016. Previously she was a Consumer Director-General of Portugal since January 2010 and a Member of the Board of the Portuguese Competition Authority from 2003 to 2008. She has also been Portugal's Director-General and Deputy Director General for International Economic Relations, and held senior positions at the Directorate-General for Competition. She worked for over 20 years as a Teaching Assistant in International Economic Law and European Law at the University of Lisbon.

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Fixing the damages – expected effects of the application of the Damages Directive

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