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Carmen Gimeno is since 2011 the **Secretary General of GEODE**, the European association representing the interests of 1200 private and public **local energy distribution companies** for both electricity and gas in 14 European countries. She is also a **Partner** at **Verdia Legal**, a Barcelona-based law firm with expertise in energy law.

Chairwoman of the Strategic Advisory Group of the EU DSO Entity since it was established in December 2021.

Coordinator of drafting the statutes of the EU DSO Enity for electricity (2019-2020). Member of the Steering Committee of the EC Task Force for the implementation of Smart Grids since it was established.

Regular attendee of Commission Energy Fora – Florence Electricity Forum, Madrid Gas Forum, Copenhaguen Infrastructure Forum and Dublin Citizen's Forum.

Chair of the External Expert Advisory Board of Project "Distributed Data Infrastructure for Energy" (EDDIE) (2023).

Guest Professor of the Master in Legal Practice, Economic Regulation & Law at Esade Law School of Barcelona.

Guest speaker at the Florence School of Regulation webinars and debates.

Guest speaker at CEER Training courses on Energy Communities (2019, 2022).

Regular speaker at conferences, seminars and webinars on European and Spanish electricity and gas regulation.

Co-editor of various position papers of the European Association GEODE, and among the most recent ones it stands out "Distribution Grids: The Energy transition's backbone" (May 2023).

Managing Partner at Law firm Verdia Legal in Barcelona, with expertise on energy regulation, where she has been working since 1995. Her expertise in energy law is built upon over 20 years of experience in this field.

Education

Law degree from the University of Barcelona (1992).

Postgraduate degree in Business Management Techniques at the Business Studies School of the University of Barcelona (1993).

Political Science and Sociology at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) (1993). Erasmus Programme at Ruprecht-Karls Universität in Heidelberg, Germany, specialising in International and European Law (1990-1991).

Member of the Bar Association of Barcelona since 1993.