

# Tipi regolatori. Per la tutela del credito nei mercati dell'energia

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*Regulatory Types. Toward the Credit Protection in Energy Law*

*Abstract:* In this paper, I propose two Ideal types (*Idealtypen*) to investigate the various institutions aimed at credit protection in both electricity and gas markets, adopted by the Italian sectorial regulatory authority (the *Autorità per l'energia elettrica il gas e il sistema idrico*). Two different “regulatory approaches” are considered: (a) in the first approach, the regulatory authority intervention is aimed at applying the ordinary measures of credit protection, which need to be implemented because of the technical specificities of electricity and gas sectors; (b) in the second approach, the regulatory authority intervention is aimed at adopting new legal instruments, in order to compensate the inadequacy of ordinary measures in peculiar situations. These regulatory models allow to highlight the different conditions and limits that the regulatory authority encounters when the opposite interests of market operators and consumers have to be conciliated.

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