

Energy Transitions in Europe A Multifaceted Challenge for Governance and Policies

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The European Union (EU) is now building an Energy Union; a catalyst for its energy transition. It aims at ensuring secure, affordable and low-carbon energy for citizens and businesses all across Europe in a spirit of solidarity. To reach this goal, the EU is progressively moving away from fossil fuels towards more renewables in the energy mix. It is also shifting from a centralized system focused on suppliers with old technologies and outdated business models to a system empowering consumers by creating flexibility to manage demand as well as supply.

To ease this transition, the EU is committed to deal with the currently fragmented system of uncoordinated national policies, market barriers and energy islands. Such a historical shift creates great opportunities, but also faces tremendous challenges.

In this context, the conference aims to address two key dimensions of the energy transitions in Europe:

- How to articulate several levels of governance both inside and outside the EU ? (session 1);
- How to build an Energy Union that encompasses trade, innovation, social and industrial policies? (session 2)

10.00 - 10.15 / Welcome Address

Jörg MONAR, Rector of the College of Europe

Morning Session 10.15 - 12.00

**WHICH GOVERNANCE FOR EUROPE'S ENERGY TRANSITION:
DECENTRALISATION, REGIONAL INTEGRATION, INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION, GLOBAL COMPETITION?**

This session wishes to highlight the need for better interaction between the several levels of governance: international, European, regional, national and local levels. It will also put the emphasis on the need for a better understanding between public institutions and private companies. How all those actors can better interact?

Keynote speech - The Energy Transitions & the Energy Union

Dominique RISTORI, Director General, Directorate General for Energy, European Commission

Panelists

Simon BAKER, President Global Energy Assets and European Region, ALCOA

Małgorzata MIKA-BRYSKA, Director, Ministry for Energy, Poland

Susanne NIES, Head of Corporate Affairs, ENTSO-E

Chairman – Facilitator

Sami ANDOURA, Professor and Holder of the European Energy Policy Chair

In both sessions, the debates among speakers will be followed by an interactive discussion with the students of the College of Europe, its Energy Group and all participants

12.00 - 13.30: Lunch break

Afternoon Session 13.30 - 15.30

**OVERCOMING THE 'SILO MENTALITY', A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH
TO ENERGY TRANSITION: WHAT INTERACTION BETWEEN TRADE,
INNOVATION, SOCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL POLICIES?**

This session wishes to grasp how the Energy Union's transition can help overcoming the existing 'silo mentality', to propose a comprehensive approach to energy issues, encompassing innovation, trade, social and industrial policies. How can the stakeholders of those policies reinforce their mutual understanding and interaction?

Keynote speech – The main drivers of the energy transitions in Europe and beyond

Jean-Arnold VINOIS, Adviser, Notre Europe - Jacques Delors Institute

Panelists

Michel DERDEVET, Member of the Board, Erdf

Elsa ÖZMEN, Senior Associate for the European Climate Foundation's Industrial Innovation for Competitiveness Initiative

Simone MORI, Executive Vice President European Affairs, ENEL

Chairman – Facilitator

Georg ZACHMANN, Research Fellow, Bruegel

15.30 - 16.00

**CONCLUDING REMARKS – LAUNCHING THE BRUGES PROCESS
FOR ENERGY TRANSITION**

Sami ANDOURA, Professor and Holder of the European Energy Policy Chair


16.00

RECEPTION AND NETWORKING FOR STUDENTS AND PARTICIPANTS

 **24 April 2015**  **10:00**

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