

Memorandum of Understanding

Co-operation between the Directorate-General for Energy of the European Commission and the College of Europe

The Directorate-General for Energy of the European Commission (DG ENER) and the College of Europe have agreed to develop a more structured process of co-operation. It is intended that this co-operation should lead towards closer links between EU academics and the European Union's energy policy. DG ENER and College of Europe agree that it is in the mutual interest of the European Union and its Member States to coordinate their activities in the field of energy to reinforce economic analysis and deeper integration of EU energy policies.

The Memorandum of Understanding is an overarching arrangement, aiming to strengthen the cooperation between the two entities.

DG ENER is responsible for developing and implementing a European energy policy. Through the development and implementation of innovative policies, the Directorate-General aims at:

- Contributing to setting up an energy market providing citizens and business with affordable energy, competitive prices and technologically advanced energy services.
- Promoting sustainable energy production, transport and consumption in line with the EU 2020 targets and the 2030 climate & energy framework, with a view to the 2050 decarbonisation objective.
- Enhancing the conditions for secure energy supply in a spirit of solidarity between Member States.

The College of Europe is a private university/institution which over the past years has built an extensive reputation in the field of European studies and academic researches. The College of Europe has recently created a Chair for European Energy Policy.

The College of Europe and DG ENER identified the following initial areas in which they intend to establish their co-operation on a more structured basis:

- Improve analysis and tools for ensuring an economically, politically and legally sound European Energy Policy.
- Foster the energy policy debate through cooperation on economic, political and legal analysis and studies, policy papers and organising joint seminars bringing together policy-makers, representatives from the energy industry and leading academic scholars and experts.
- Where appropriate, DG ENER will invite College of Europe academics to attend conferences and events that it would organise in relation to topics pertaining to these areas, also where appropriate, the College of Europe will do the same. Interaction will be ensured with the College of Europe Energy Group, a student-led group organising meetings and events related to energy.

The undersigned share the view that there is a great potential for developing cooperation between their respective organisations. DG ENER and the College of Europe can greatly contribute to strengthening economic, political and legal analysis for EU energy policy and fostering the energy policy debate for the benefit of European citizens.

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