

Regional Energy Policy Initiatives to achieve EU energy policy objectives Energy governance in the Energy Union

First in a series of three workshops

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This seminar will explore the potential of regional approaches for European energy. It will assess whether regional approaches can hone the effectiveness of EU energy policy objectives through enhanced policy coordination at regional scale. Typically, this includes energy market integration while accounting for member states' continuing deployment of national-level policy instruments regarding the appropriate energy mix and the security of energy supply, which is foreseen in the EU Treaty. In a second step, it will explore the potential of regional approaches to governance of renewables as well as their potential contributions to an Energy Union. A particular focus will be on South East European Regional Initiatives. To register, please, follow [this link](#).

Agenda

- 10:00-10:30 Registration and welcome
- 10:30-13:00 **Regional Energy Policy Initiatives in the EU**
Chair: Christian Egenhofer
- 10:30-10:45 Welcome and Introduction to the workshop
Christian Egenhofer, Associate Senior Research Fellow and Head of CEPS Energy and Climate unit, CEPS
- 10:45-11:00 **Peter Van Kemseke**, Member of Cabinet
Cabinet of Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič
- 11:00-11:10 **Claude Turmes**, Member of the European Parliament for Luxembourg's Green Party
- 11:10-11:20 Achievements and lessons from the Pentilateral Forum
Luc Willems, Deputy Secretary General, Benelux
- 11:20-11:30 Examples from Practice: Euro-Mediterranean Platform on Regional Electricity Markets
Benjamin Gallèpe, Director, MEDREG Secretariat
- 11:30-11:40 Potential for Regional Integration Initiatives in South East Europe and key steps to unlocking this potential
Julian Popov, Fellow, European Climate Foundation
- 11:40-12:50 Discussion with stakeholders from industry, NGOs, regulators and institutions
Moderator: Julian Popov, Fellow, European Climate Foundation
- 12:50-13:00 Conclusions by **Jacques de Jong**, Senior Fellow, Clingendael International Energy Programme, The Hague
- 13:00-14:00 **Light lunch**

14:00-16:30 **South-East European Regional Integration within the context of the new Energy Union: Two consecutive Roundtables**

14:00-15:00 **Roundtable 1: Incentives for renewables and cross-border transfer**

Chair: Julian Popov, Fellow, European Climate Foundation

Key interventions (5 mins):

- **Oyvind Vessia**, Policy Officer, Renewables and CCS Policy Unit, DG Energy, European Commission
- **Michael Hogan**, Senior Advisor, Regulatory Assistance Project (to be confirmed)
- **Carmen Neagu**, President Transelectrica (Romania)
- **Vladimir Urutchev**, Member of European Parliament for Bulgaria (to be confirmed)

Moderated discussion

15:00-15:15 Coffee Break

15:15-16:15 **Roundtable 2: South-East European electricity corridor and Regional Trading**

Chair: Kristián Takáč, Associate Fellow, Central European Policy Institute

Key interventions (5 mins):

- **Davor Kunc**, Programme Manager, Energy & Transport Regional Cooperation and Programmes, DG Enlargement, European Commission
- **Tomasz Jerzyniak**, Policy Officer, Internal Market I: Networks & Regional Initiatives, DG Energy, European Commission
- **Folker Franz**, ABB (to be confirmed)
- **Angelo L'Abbate**, Senior Research Engineer, RSE SpA and GridTech Project

Moderated discussion

16:15-16:30 **Conclusions:**

Jacques de Jong, Senior Fellow, Clingendael International Energy Programme, The Hague

Christian Egenhofer Associate Senior Research Fellow and Head of CEPS Energy and Climate unit, CEPS

16:30 (at latest) End of meeting