

Energy Union – Between Common European Goals and Divergent National Approaches

Expert Conference

1 – 2 July 2015, Stiftung Genshagen, Im Schloss; D-14974 Genshagen

Programme

Wednesday, 1 July 2015

until

12h45 Arrival and Lunch

13h30 **Welcome and Opening**

Martin Koopmann, CEO, Stiftung Genshagen

13h45 **Presentation of the Study:**

“The Energy Union: Views from France, Germany, Poland and the United Kingdom”

Melchior Szczepanik, Energy Expert, Institute of Public Affairs (ISP), Warsaw

14h30

From Ideas to Reality

Challenges and Strategies for the Energy Union’s Project

The Energy Union has become one of the flagship projects of the current European Commission. Nevertheless the different member states do have their own view regarding the idea of an Energy Union. Which aspects are most important for Germany, France, Poland and the United Kingdom? What are the most controversial subjects concerning the project? Where lies the biggest potential for conflicts and in which areas compromise can be found? Can the Energy Union also become a landmark project for those member states?

Debate:

Jimmy Aldridge, Research Fellow, Institute for Public Policy Research, London

Severin Fischer, Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin

Carole Mathieu, Research Fellow, Energy Center, French Institute of International Relations (Ifri), Paris

Adrian Kondaszewski, Senior Expert, Polish Foreign Ministry, Warsaw

Chair:

Cornelius Ochmann, Director, Foundation for German-Polish Co-operation, Warsaw

16h30

Break

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17h00 **A Common European Energy Market
Towards a Competitive Europe**

Every proposition concerning reforms of the energy market in the EU is closely observed by energy companies. Energy reforms are a big cost factor for them. The future of those companies to a high degree depends not only on the changes in their home market but also on the speed and direction of reforms concerning a common European Energy Market. What are the expectations of representatives from energy companies towards the European political leaders? According to them in which direction should reforms of the energy market lead - both on national and European level?

Debate:

Enno Harks, Deputy Director External Affairs Germany, BP Europa SE, Berlin

Adam Czyżewski, Chief Economist, PKN ORLEN, Warsaw

Emmanuel Tuchscherer, Deputy Director Regulatory and Public Affairs Europe, ENGIE, Paris

Chair:

Melchior Szczepanik, Energy Expert, Institute of Public Affairs (ISP), Warsaw

19h00 Dinner

Thursday, 2 July 2015

9h00 Opening of the second day

Christian Stoffaës, President, French-German Council of Economic Advisors, Paris

9h15 **Between Geopolitics and Economics
Towards a Common European Foreign Energy Policy?**

At the beginning the Energy Union was a concept that aimed at enhancing energy security by providing the EU with mechanisms that would improve its security of external energy supplies. The whole idea derived from the fact that the Ukrainian-Russian conflict undermined Russia's position as a reliable energy supplier. What is the potential of creating a Common European Foreign Energy Policy? Which countries of the EU are interested to build up mechanism of transnational cooperation? How to find a balance between standard market mechanisms and introducing new regulations of dealing with partners from outside the EU?

Debate:

Marie-Claire Aoun, Director, Energy Center, French Institute of International Relations (Ifri), Paris

Kai-Olaf Lang, Senior Fellow, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin

Ernest Wyciszekiewicz, Deputy Director, Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding, Warsaw

Nick Leake, Counsellor, Head of EU & Economic Section, British Embassy, Berlin

Chair:

Stephen Bastos, Project Leader European Dialogue, Stiftung Genshagen

10h45 Break

11h00 **How to Involve Europe's Citizens?
The Social Dimension of Energy Union**

In the end most of the costs of energy reforms have to be financed by citizens. Their attitudes towards reforms depend on various factors which are different from member state to member state. Which aspects of the Energy Union reflect the expectations of the societies of EU member states? Which aspects of the Energy Union have to be stressed to get public support? What are the biggest challenges concerning communication of energy politics?

Debate:

Franca Diechtl, Project Leader Communication, German Energy Agency (DENA), Berlin

Pierre Jean Coulon, Vice President, Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and Information Society (TEN) Section, European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels

Agnieszka Łada, Head of the European Programme, Institute of Public Affairs (ISP), Warsaw

Chair:

Barbara Kunz, Research Fellow, Study Committee on French-German Relations (Cerfa), French Institute of International Relations (Ifri), Paris

12h30 **Conclusion**

13h00 Lunch & Departure

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