

## The 2020 Strategy Experience: Lessons for Regional Cooperation, EU Governance and Investment

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DIW Berlin, Mohrenstrasse 58, Schumpeter Hall

In October 2014 the European Council agreed to create a “reliable and transparent governance system... to ensure that the EU meets its energy policy goals”. With the announcement of the Energy Union Package in February 2015, the Commission initiated a debate on how to make the European energy sector more secure, sustainable and competitive. This conference therefore invites academia and think tanks to prepare new analysis and practitioners to discuss experience that Europe and its Member States have gathered with cooperation and coordination mechanisms for energy policy to date. The objective is to gather the evidence base to inform the future development of EU energy policy and governance.

### Program:

**8.45 Registration**

**9.15 Welcoming remarks:** Ingmar Jürgens (EC Berlin Office), Karsten Neuhoff (DIW Berlin)

**9.30 – 11.00**

#### **Panel 1 - Cross-border and domestic infrastructure development**

We will start the discussion by evaluating the experience with the development of electricity and gas infrastructure. The main question discussed during this session will be: How do member states coordinate their policies to advance projects across different regulatory regimes and involve multiple stakeholders? The panelists will also analyse the role of European mechanisms to support the development of infrastructure, including the European Fund.

**Chair:** Kacper Szulecki, University of Oslo

**Paper 1:** László Szabó, Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research, Budapest

*The 10 % Interconnection target of the EU: what are the impacts on the EU carbon emissions?*

**Paper 2:** Siddharth Fresa, University La Sapienza, Rome / Stanford Uni.

*Multilevel EU Energy Governance. A new role for ACER?*

**Discussant 1:** Anne-Therese Gullberg, CICERO, Oslo

**Discussant 2:** Thomas Veyrenc, RTE France (tbc)

**11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break**

**11.30 – 13.00**

#### **Panel 2 - Regional cooperation and coordination**

A deeper cooperation and coordination between the EU member states is necessary to achieve the goals of the European Energy Union. The panelists will look into the limitations and barriers to improve regional cooperation and coordination. We will also try to find out to what extent the European Semester has been effective in fostering coordination? Through which mechanisms and what are the visible effects so far?

**Chair:** Jacques de Jong, Clingendael International Energy Programme (CIEP), The Hague

**Paper 1:** Katharina Umpfenbach, Ecologic Institute, Berlin

*Regional cooperation in the context of the new 2030 energy governance*

**Paper 2:** Tomas Wyns, Institute for European Studies, Vrije Universiteit, Brussels

*Situational analysis of EU energy law in relation to enhancing investor certainty and Member State cooperation under a post-2020 framework*

**Discussant 1:** Jean Michel Glachant, Florence School of Regulation, EUI, Florence

**Discussant 2:** Jon Birger Skjærseth, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Oslo

**13.00 – 14.00 Lunch**

**14.00 – 15.30**

**Panel 3 - Renewable energy expansion and policy diffusion**

Development of renewable energy sources is a decisive factor that can make European energy more sustainable and secure. But taking into consideration the high costs of the upfront investment of new sources, how can we tackle the rising energy prices and make sure that competitiveness of the European economy is not compromised? Panelists will discuss what helped and hindered mutual learning among Member States. In particular we will explore the varying perspectives on renewable energy deployment and how experience with early deployment of renewable energy sources influenced developments in other EU member states. Special attention will also be given to the changing political economy of the energy sector with increased RES deployment.

**Chair:** Karsten Neuhoff, DIW Berlin

**Paper 1:** Stefan Četković, Environmental Policy Research Centre, FU Berlin

*Varieties of capitalism and renewable energy development*

**Paper 2:** Dorian Frieden, Joanneum Research Forschungsgesellschaft, Graz

*Opportunities of transnational renewable electricity cooperation: supply optimization in host countries*

**Discussant 1:** Oliver Sartor, Inst. for Sustainable Development and International Relations, Paris

**Discussant 2:** Severin Fischer, German Inst. for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin

**Discussant 3:** Simon Müller, International Energy Agency, Paris

**15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break**

**16.00 – 17.30 Round-table: “Building an Energy Union: from Theory to Practice”**

We explore what lessons can be learned from practical experience of European energy governance in different sectors gathered during the day for the structure and governance of the “Energy Union”. How can the political momentum behind the “Energy Union” idea be used effectively to improve European energy policy and governance? What are the main questions that arise from the Commission’s February 2015 Communication on the Energy Union Strategy Framework? What challenges need to be overcome to implement the Commission’s Strategy effectively and what options exist to do so?

To discuss these issues we will create a platform that brings together present and former policy makers and senior energy analysts from different knowledge backgrounds

**Chair:**

Teresa Ribera, director, IDDRI, Paris

**Panelists:**

Andreas Goldthau, Belfer Center, Harvard University / CEU Budapest

Robert Brückman, eclareon, Berlin

André Merlin, MedGrid (tbc)

Representative of the European Commission

\*Please find an updated program at [www.diw.de](http://www.diw.de)