



“AN IDEAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE ACTIVITIES ON EUROPEAN ENERGY POLICY”



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BACKGROUND – ENERGY POLICY HIGH ON THE AGENDA

Over the past few years, the challenges of the transition towards a sustainable energy system, energy supply security, and economic and industrial competitiveness in the energy field, as well as the rapidly evolving market dynamics, economic costs and opportunities in the energy field have transformed energy policy into one of the most crucial fields of national, European and international politics. Since 2005-2007, energy has moved to the centre stage of EU policy-making, both as regards internal and external action. The EU has committed itself to a long-term comprehensive policy approach based on major strategic energy objectives: sustainable development, supply security and competitiveness.

A massive process of “mainstreaming” of energy policy objectives is underway and will have a major impact on fields as diverse as research, industry, environment and foreign and security policy over the next few years. The challenges and positive action potential of the EU is hence a multidimensional political, economic, technological and international one – and of crucial importance for the long-term sustainability of the EU’s economic and social foundations.

COLLEGE OF EUROPE CHAIR ON EUROPEAN ENERGY POLICY

There is a huge demand in both the public and the private sector for well-trained graduates with specific expertise on the various cross-border dimensions of energy and climate change at the European and international level. There is also a demand for high-profile frameworks for research and debate on energy and climate policy challenges.

Consequently, the College of Europe has launched a Chair on European energy policy at its Bruges campus, thanks to the generous support of the ALCOA Foundation. The Chair Holder is Professor Sami ANDOURA. With its carefully selected multinational student body, close relations with the EU policy-making context and stimulating and truly “European” intellectual climate, the College of Europe is ideally placed to satisfy the demand for a new generation graduates with specific training on energy and climate issues, as well a forum of excellence for research and debate in these fields.

In addition, the College of Europe and its Department of Political and Administrative Studies have a long established tradition of interdisciplinary analysis and teaching. Courses offered cover all aspects of

the energy field (politics, economics, technology, law and international relations), making the Department an ideal framework for the activities of the College of Europe Chair on European energy policy.

MAIN FOCUS OF THE CHAIR

The scope of the College of Europe Chair on European energy policy mirrors to a large extent the priority areas of European energy policy, with a particular focus on European challenges and policy responses regarding: 1 - availability of stable and affordable energy ; 2 - security of energy supply ; 3 - the stimulation of energy markets and innovation in new technologies ; 4 - increased energy efficiency ; and international energy cooperation. Other related focus areas can be added according to the relevance of a specific topic and new developments on the field.

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIR

The College of Europe’s European Energy Policy Chair will be very active and aims to have substantial visibility through the following activities listed below.

Annual Course on EU energy policy

The College of Europe Chair on European energy policy intends to make a significant contribution to the teaching of the students of the College (through both lectures and research seminars) as well as to the training of national and/or EU officials in the context of advanced training courses organised by the Development Office of the College.

The course on EU Energy Policy, named “Moving towards a common European Energy Policy: challenges and opportunities” and which takes place throughout the second semester, is taught by the Chair holder. The optional course is by far one of the most popular optional course, with a maximum number of students being enrolled. The course is taught in French, as requested by the College of Europe. Some of the students of the College of Europe are also writing their Master’s thesis on an energy-related topic, under the supervision of the Chair Holder Prof. Sami Andoura.

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Programme: The programme of the course on EU Energy Policy is divided among 10 different sessions in the following order: 1st - Introduction to the global energy context : current state of resources ; 2nd - Introduction to European energy policy ; 3rd - Competitiveness

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and the internal market of energy ; 4th - Sustainable development and fighting climate change ; 5th - Energy transitions in Europe ; 6th - Security of supply in Europe ; 7th - Energy geopolitics : Europe on the world map ; 8th - Energy and the citizens: tackling energy poverty ; 9th - Moving towards a European Energy Community: what future for European energy policy? ; 10th - Conclusion - Working in the Energy Sector.

Research Projects and Publications

The Chair holder is engaging in research projects on EU energy policy issues through publications and expert seminars. The Chair's activities have substantial visibility through the publication of an electronic energy policy bulletin, of a Policy paper series and/or an annual edited conference volume.

Trimestrial Energy Bulletin: The Chair will publish its trimestrial energy bulletin in a highly interactive format. The bulletin will be composed of the following items: an edito by the holder of the Chair ; short interviews with policy makers and industry representatives ; debates among experts on topical issues ; 'EU Energy and the World - the view from outside' ; news about EU ongoing developments in the field of energy, short reports about the Chair's most recent activities as well as up-coming ones ; 'Carte Blanche' with free opinion for the author ; 'Students' corner'.

Policy Papers: The Chair will publish its Policy papers series, some of them might be through collective publications bringing together 3 or 4 articles on EU Energy Policy.

Others: The Chair might also publish the main findings and contributions derived from its annual conference or other events when interesting and appropriate for a publication.

Events : Conferences, lectures, expert seminars, etc.

The Chair is organizing conferences, seminars and/or keynote lectures, both in Bruges and in Brussels but also beyond. These events bring every year together policy-makers, representatives from the energy industry and leading academic scholars and experts.

Other activities

Networking session: Every year, the Chair will organize a networking event/cocktail in Brussels for the College students with an in-

terest in energy policy, giving them the opportunity to meet energy professionals from the EU community.

Library resources: the Chair will develop the College of Europe library resources in order to support various research activities and become a reference in the field.

SUPPORT TO THE COLLEGE OF EUROPE ENERGY GROUP - A STUDENT-LED INITIATIVE

Energy Policy has increasingly captured the interest of students at the College of Europe. In this context, the students have formed the 'College of Europe Energy Group', a student-led group that organizes regular meetings and events related to energy. The Chair directly supports and interacts with the students of the College through dedicated activities of the 'College of Europe Energy Group'.

Among their main activities: participation to the events of the Chair, internal meetings organized every couple of weeks, with debates over energy issues, external study trips to Brussels (visits of the offices of various actors in the EU energy sector) as well as on site visits of energy installations such LNG terminal, wind farms, PV installations, conventional power plants, etc.

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