



THE ENERGY UNION IN ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD RECONCILING GEOSTRATEGIC VISION AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN ENERGY POLICY CHAIR OF THE COLLEGE OF EUROPE
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Building a European Energy Union is one of the main priorities of the Juncker Commission for the years ahead. This project aims at ensuring secure, affordable and low-carbon energy for citizens and businesses all across Europe in a spirit of solidarity.

A large part of the strategy proposed by the Commission on 25 February 2015 is devoted to the diversification of Europe's energy sources, through contact with countries in Europe's neighborhood. At the same time, the European Neighborhood Policy is being put to the test by geopolitics, both in the Southern and in the Eastern regions. The crisis in Ukraine along with the conflicts in the Middle East and Africa pose formidable challenges.

To meet the objectives of producing and acquiring secure, affordable and climate-friendly energy, the EU needs to renew its global energy diplomacy, embedded in a broader dimension of energy security. The review of the European Neighborhood Policy, set for November 2015, will be an excellent opportunity to bring in elements of energy security to the EU's primary tool for cooperating with its neighbors.

The Energy Union can also become a key driver for economic development in the EU by acting as a unique opportunity to trigger higher economic turnout while creating and securing employment in the energy sector. Deepened bilateral and multilateral cooperation with the European Neighborhood partner countries can significantly increase the EU's competitiveness on the international scene and support its economic recovery.

13:15–13:30 Welcome Address

Jörg MONAR, Rector of the College of Europe

13:30–14:00 Keynote Speech

Anne HOUTMAN, Advisor to the Director General, DG ENER, European Commission

14:00-15:30 Session I- Geopolitical dimensions of energy & climate policies in the EU's Neighbourhood

Panelists

Kathleen HANCOCK, Associate Professor, Colorado School of Mines & Freie Universität Berlin

Tatiana ROMANOVA, Professor, Saint Petersburg University

Andras ROZMER, Division of Global Issues and Counter Terrorism, European External Action Service

Richard YOUNGS, Senior Associate in Democracy and Rule of Law Program, Carnegie Europe

Chairman – Facilitator

Simon SCHUNZ, Standing Professor, College of Europe



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15:30-16:00: Coffee break

16:00-17:30: Session II- Sustainable jobs & prosperity for the Energy Union in the EU's Neighborhood

Introductory speech '*Importing the EU energy policy in the EU Neighborhood- The Energy Community experience*'

by **Dirk BUSCHLE**, Deputy director, Energy Community

Panelists

Luca BERGAMASCHI, Researcher, E3G London

Davide PUGLIELLI, Senior Policy Analyst, Enel

Francesco GAZZOLETTI, International Affairs Director, ERG, Board member of EWEA

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Thomas PELLERIN-CARLIN, Research Fellow, Jacques Delors Institute

17:30-18:00: Concluding Remarks

Sami ANDOURA, Team Leader, EPSC - European Commission & Visiting Professor, College of Europe

18:00: Reception and Networking for students and participants

In both sessions, the debates among speakers will be followed by an interactive discussion with the students of the College of Europe, its Energy Group and all participants.



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