

The future of electricity and gas in Europe

Left perspectives on European energy markets

Workshop in Brussels, Monday, 5–6 October 2015

Venue: Mundo-B, Rue d'Edimbourg 26, 1050 Brussels

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Monday, 5 October 2015

10:00 – 10:15

Introduction

- Welcome by Claus-Dieter König, Deputy Director RLS Brussels
- Introductory round

10:15 – 11:45

Part 1: The EU “energy union” and analysis European energy markets

Facilitation: Molly Walsh, Friends of the Earth Europe, Brussels

- The EU “energy union” and possible left interventions
(Fabian Huebner, policy analyst, Cologne)
- History of European energy markets and what liberalisation means for ownership
(Dirk Vansintjan, REScoop, Antwerp)

11:45 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:00

Part 2: Advantages and disadvantages of the EU electricity market

- Advantages and disadvantages of the EU electricity market from the perspective of Spain (Pablo Cortarelo, Observatory on Debt in Globalization, Barcelona)
- The Greek government’s negotiation experience: contrasts and the agreement and SYRIZA’s renewed energy program (Dimosthenis Papastamopoulos, Chief of Staff of the Minister of Productive Reconstruction, Environment and Energy, SYRIZA, Athens)

13:00 – 14:00 Small lunch

14:00 – 16:00

Part 3: European electricity markets

Facilitation: Fabian Huebner, policy analyst, Cologne

- Analysis of EU energy market and examples of legal agency and disputes
(Dörte Fouquet, Lawyer, Beck Büttner Held Consulting, Brussels)
- Interconnectedness and ownership of renewables
(Molly Walsh, FOEE, Brussels)
- The evolution of solar energy in the European energy market
(James Watson, Chief Executive Officer, Solar Power Europe, Brussels)

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:45

Part 4: Gas lock-in

Facilitation: Peter Polder, Beyond Oil Consultancy, The Netherlands

- Gas lock-in: strategic meaning of gas, gas infrastructure and promotion of LNG and fracking (Jonathan Gaventa, E3G, London)
- Fracking: What are dangers at the European level, what do we need to prevent
(Geert Decock, Food and Water Europe, Brussels)

17:45 – 18:00

Round-up of the day

Summary and points of discussion for the next day

(Laura Weis, PowerShift, Berlin)

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10:00 – 12:00

Part 5: Discussion - The European Commission's next steps and our next steps

Facilitation: Tazio Müller, RLS Berlin

12:00 – 13:00

Small lunch & ending

Participants

1.	ANGEL James	King's College London, UK
2.	COTARELO Pablo	Observatory on Debt in Globalization (ODG), Barcelona
3.	DANILJUK Malte	Fellow of Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung Berlin
4.	DECOCK Geert	Food and Water Europe, Brussels
5.	FOUQUET Dörte	Lawyer, Beck Büttner Held Consulting, Brussels
6.	GAVENTA Jonathan	E3G, London
7.	GENSLER Marlis	Project manager, RLS Brussels
8.	HILL Laura	Fuel Poverty Action, London
9.	HUEBNER Fabian	Policy analyst, Cologne
10.	JOHNSTON Mark	Energy analyst, European Policy Centre, Brussels
11.	KOENIG Claus-Dieter	Deputy director, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Brussels
12.	KROPP Manuela	Assistant to MEP Cornelia Ernst, GUE/NGL, Left Party (Germany), Brussels
13.	KUCHARZ Tom	Ecologistas en Accion, Madrid
14.	MINIO-PALUELLO Mika	Platform London
15.	MUELLER Tazio	Advisor for climate justice and energy democracy, RLS Berlin
16.	PAPASTAMOPOULOS Dimosthenis	Chief of Staff of the Minister of Productive Reconstruction, Environment and Energy, SYRIZA, Greece
17.	PEREZ Alfonso	Observatory on Debt in Globalization (ODG), Barcelona
18.	POLDER Peter	Friends of the Earth, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
19.	SOL Xavier	Counterbalance/Bankwatch, Brussels
20.	USCHTRIN Cornelia	Staff of MP Eva Bulling-Schröter, German Parliament, Left Party, Berlin
21.	VANSINTJAN Dirk	REScoop, Antwerp
22.	WALSH Molly	Friends of the Earth Europe, Brussels
23.	WATSON James	Chief executive officer, Solar Power Europe, Brussels
24.	WEIS Laura	PowerShift, Berlin