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7th Athens Conference on EU Energy Law and Policy

Scientific Challenges on the way to the Energy Transition

Energy Arbitration - The Electricity Market Reform - Hydrogen –
Off-shore Wind Development

December 14th, 2023

Opening session

9:00 am - 9:15 am

Welcome Remarks

Prof. Antonis Metaxas

Chairman, Hellenic Energy Regulation Institute; Chair of EU Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; Vis. Professor, TU Berlin; Managing Partner, Metaxas & Associates Law Firm

Prof. Ignacio Herrera Anchustegui

Assoc. Professor, Faculty of Law of the University of Bergen; Member of the Bergen Center for Competition Law & Economics (BECCLE) and Bergen Offshore Wind Centre (BOW); Head of the Research Group for Natural Resource Law, Environmental and Development Law

Prof. Jochen Mohr

Chair of Civil Law, Competition Law, Energy Law, Regulatory Law and Labour Law, Universität Leipzig; Managing Director of the Berlin Institute for Energy and Regulatory Law E.V. (Enreg)

9:15 am - 9:30 am

Keynote speeches

Alexandros Papageorgiou

CEO, Hellenic Energy Exchange S.A (HEEx)

Dr. Vicente López-Ibor Mayor

President, European Federation of Energy Law Associations (EFELA)

The EU Industrial Plan, the Net Zero Industry Act & the Electricity Market Reform

Chair: Prof. Antonis Metaxas

9:30 am - 9:50 am	Speakers: Prof. Raphael Heffron Professor, Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour, France "Major Question marks Remain on the EU Electricity Market Reform"
9:50 am - 10:10 am	Dr. Enric R. Bartlett Castellà Associate Professor, Esade Law School, Ramon Llull University "Between everything must change for everything to remain the same, and a deep and comprehensive reform: the unfolding story of EU electricity market changes"
10:10 am - 10:30 am	Prof. Caroline Buts Professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel Université Catholique de Louvain "Transitioning together: State Aid's Law in the Green Deal Industrial Plan"
10:30 am - 10:50 am	Ulrike Pastohr Judge, Oberlandesgericht (Higher Regional Court), Düsseldorf, Germany "Energy supply security in German jurisprudence"
10:50 am - 11:10 am	Dr. Katerina Perrou Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Law School, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens "The impact of energy taxation on green transition: obstacle or accelerator?"
	<i>Discussion</i>

Prospects of the Greek Energy Market

Chair: Prof. Jochen Mohr

11:30 am - 11:50 am	Speakers: Vasilis Zouvias Head of Regulatory Affairs, nrg Supply & Trading S.A. "Recent legal and regulatory developments on the electricity sector - suppliers' perspectives"
11:50 am - 12:10 am	Marios Andrikopoulos Legal Director, ELPEDISON S.A.

12:10 am - 12:30 am	Sophia Michelaki Legal Director, DESFA
12:30 am - 12:50 am	Stella Zacharia CEO, Optimus Energy, Head of Energy Assessment, Policy & Regulation, TERNA ENERGY
12:50 am - 13:10 pm	Olga-Maria Kyritsi Legal Counsel, BayWa r.e. EMEA "Floating PVs - Legal Challenges and their Future Perspective in Greece"
13:30 – 13:50 pm	Dimitris Zafeiropoulos Vice President, FORENA Energy S.A.
	<i>Discussion</i>

Hydrogen and Renewable Gases

Chair: Prof. Leigh Hancher

Professor of EU Law, University of Tilburg; Part-time Professor, Florence School of Regulation, European University Institute & Bergen University

Speakers:

14:10 pm - 14:30 pm	Thomas Burmeister Head of the German Energy & Infrastructure Team and Head of European Utilities, White & Case Law Firm "The Hydrogen Hype – Advising on the Invention of a Value Chain"
14:30 pm - 14:50 pm	Carl Köckert Research Fellow, Institute for Energy and Regulatory Law Berlin "On Current Questions of the European Hydrogen Network Fee Regulation"
14:50 pm - 15:10 pm	Dr. Wieland Lehrent Partner Counsel, Becker Büttner Held "Auctioning Support for Green hydrogen - the calls of the European Hydrogen Bank 2023/2024"
15:10 pm - 15:30 pm	Dr. Torhild Elin Nordtveit Postdoctoral Researcher, Faculty of Law, University of Bergen "Hydrogen as a Cargo"
	<i>Discussion</i>
15:50 pm-16:30 pm	Lunch Break

Offshore Wind & New Tools for CO² Reduction

Chair: Prof. Asterios Pliakos

Professor of EU Law, Department of International and European Economic Studies, Athens University of Economics and Business

	Speakers:
16:30 pm - 16:50 pm	Dr. Gabriela Argüello Research Fellow, Department of Law, Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities <i>“Off shore wind developments and energy transition in the Baltic”</i>
16:50 pm - 17:10 pm	Thomas Vakalikos, Country Manager, Simply Blue Group
17:10 pm - 17:30 pm	Vassilis Triantafyllos Special Advisor to the Secretary General for Energy and Mineral Resources, Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy
17:30 pm – 17:50 pm	Dr. Sofia Tzortzi Senior Associate, Metaxas & Associates Law Firm
17:50 pm – 18:10 pm	Dr. Maria Lykidi Research Fellow, Hellenic Energy Regulation Institute <i>“Is hydrogen the solution to climate change? What is the role that gas is called to play in the context of the green transition?”</i>
	<i>Discussion</i>

Trends in Energy Arbitration & the Commission's Proposal to Withdraw from the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT)

Chair: Prof. Vassilis Hatzopoulos

Professor of EU Law and Policies, Panteion University, Athens, Greece; Vis. Professor, College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium

	Speakers:
18:30 pm - 18:50 pm	Dr. Gloria Alvarez Senior Lecturer, University of Aberdeen <i>“Energy Transition and Investment Law”</i>
18:50 pm - 19:10 pm	Polyxeni Gkaintatzi Senior Associate, Metaxas & Associates Law Firm <i>“ECT’s Sunset Clause - The nexus between EU Law and the ECT?”</i>

19:10 pm - 19:30 pm

Dr. Mary Mitsi

Senior Lecturer, Director of Executive Education, Deputy Director of CIDR Specialism, Centre for Commercial Studies, Queen Mary University of London

"Interpretation of the Energy Charter Treaty: is it incompatible with EU Climate Law and Arbitration?"

19:30 pm - 19:50 pm

Vassiliki Koumpli

Senior Research Associate, Hellenic Energy Regulation Institute

"Energy Investment Arbitration in the EU: An Endangered Species?"

Discussion