

## Energy Transition: A multifaceted Challenge for Europe

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Symposium: The external dimension of the EU energy policy in transition

16<sup>th</sup> April 2013, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (followed by Lunch)

CCE - Conseil Central de l'Économie, 20, Avenue d'Auderghem, B-1040 Brussels

#### Background

In a partnership, **Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations** and the **Development Group** are going to organise a series of Symposiums and an International High Level Conference that will take place in Brussels in 2013.

The intense discussions during the different events organised in 2012 (Expert Seminars and Conference) showed that many questions related to the European Energy Transition require further in-depth debates and analysis. Therefore, the up-coming events will focus on the multifaceted challenge of the European Energy Transition towards a low carbon economy, addressing the following key issues related to the transition:

- 1st Symposium: The completion of the energy internal market by 2014: feasible or illusory? (21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 2013)
- 2nd Symposium: The external dimension of the EU energy policy in transition? (16th April 2013)
- International High Level Conference: What are the next steps in moving towards a common European energy policy by 2030? (June 2013)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium: How to finance the transition towards a low-carbon economy and the required energy infrastructures? (Oct. 2013)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Symposium: How to foster innovation in a fast changing energy landscape? (Dec. 2013)

Egmont and the Development Group aim at setting an intense debate at the EU level and bringing together the views of the industry and other energy stakeholders from Brussels and beyond with those of EU decision makers.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Symposium: The external dimension of the EU energy policy in transition A special focus on the role of gas and the importance of the diversification of supply

In light of the Communication on security of energy supply and international cooperation entitled “The EU Energy Policy: Engaging with Partners beyond Our Borders” and the “Roadmap for moving to a competitive low-carbon economy in 2050” released by the Commission at the end of 2011, this 2<sup>nd</sup> Symposium will address specific issues linked to the external dimension of the EU’s energy policy.

Among a wide range of issues related to the external dimension of the EU energy policy, **the 2<sup>nd</sup> Symposium will address the following key questions:**

- What are the main achievements and the remaining obstacles regarding the external dimension of EU's energy policy?
- Is there a need for a more strategic approach at the EU level?
- Why is it so important to develop a coherent and collective external strategy to diversify and secure the EU's energy supply from abroad?
- What is the role of and relation with EU's external partners in the EU's diversification strategy?
- Which opportunities have to be seized in order to improve the external dimension of the EU's energy policy in the framework of the energy transition?
- What is the role of gas in the external dimension of the EU's energy transition?
- What is the potential of the EU's neighbouring countries for securing the EU's energy supply?
- Is the EU energy security in the Arctic an Eldorado or a Curse?
- Will the large amount of unconventional oil and gas in the US impact Europe's energy supply?
- What approach should be adopted by the EU with respect to the development of shale gas?
- What is the potential for development of LNG terminals in Europe?

### **General Procedure**

The moderator will briefly introduce the topic and the speakers. Each speaker will then make a presentation for no longer than 10-12 minutes. Afterwards, the discussant will comment these presentations and raise the questions he might find of interest (around 10-12 minutes). The moderator will then launch the discussion with all participants.

### **Programme**

- 09.00 - 9.15**      **Welcome address Egmont Institute / Development Group**
- 09.15 - 9.30**      **Keynote address – What external dimension for the EU energy policy?**  
Paula ABREU MARQUES, Head of Unit International relations & Enlargement, DG ENER, European Commission
- 9.30 – 11.00**      **Session 1: The role of gas in the external dimension of the EU energy policy**  
Speakers:
- *The role of gas in the EU energy policy: the need for a strategic approach*  
François-Régis MOUTON, Chairman of GasNaturally & European Affairs, TOTAL
  - *The key role of private companies in securing gas supply to the EU*  
Thomas GEISEL, Senior Vice President Gas Supply Continental, E.ON Ruhrgas
  - *The potential role of shale gas – an EU approach?*  
Nikolaas BAECKELMANS, Director EU Affairs, ExxonMobil
- Discussant: Simon BLAKEY, Special Envoy of EUROGAS  
Moderator: Sami ANDOURA, Senior Research Fellow, EGMONT Institute & Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute

11.00 - 11.15

Coffee break

11.15 - 12.45

**Session 2: The diversification strategy of the EU and its external partners**

Speakers:

- *The new face of EU-Russia energy relations*  
Didier LEBOUT, Strategy & Development Director, Gazprom Marketing & Trading  
France
- *Southern Corridor: a strategic project of European Interest*  
Michael HOFFMANN, External Affairs Director, Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP)
- *Supporting the EU's diversification strategy through development of gas infrastructure*

Wim GROENENDIJK, Vice President International & Regulatory Affairs, Gasunie

Discussant: Michael KOEHLER, Director DEVCO F "Neighbourhood", DG Development and Cooperation - EuropeAid, European Commission

Moderator: Sami ANDOURA, Senior Research Fellow, EGMONT Institute & Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute

12.45 – 1.00

**Concluding address - Protection of Critical Infrastructure in the Energy Sector:  
Upcoming Challenges of the European Cyber Security Strategy**

Thomas KOEHLER, CEO, Cassidian CyberSecurity GmbH

1.00 – 2.00

Lunch

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