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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 (HERI); 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 (UiB); Head of the Research Group for Head of the Research Group for Climate, Energy and Environmental Law, University of Bergen; Member of the Bergen Center for Competition Law & Economics (BECCLE) and Bergen Offshore Wind Centre (BOW)

Prof. Jochen Mohr

Chair of Civil Law, Competition Law, Energy Law, Regulatory Law and Labour Law, Universität Leipzig; Managing Director, 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

	Speakers:
9:30 am - 9:50 am	Prof. Raphael Heffron Professor, Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA), 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. Catherine Banet Professor, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law; Head of the Energy and Resources Law Department, University of Oslo "On the need for alignment between EU electricity and gases market legislations"
10:30 am - 10:50 am	Prof. Caroline Buts Professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels School of Governance "Transitioning together: State Aid's Law in the Green Deal Industrial Plan"
10:50 am – 11:10 am	Ulrike Pastohr Judge, Oberlandesgericht (Higher Regional Court), Düsseldorf, Germany "Energy supply security in German jurisprudence"
11:10 am – 11:30 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?"
	Discussion

Prospects of the Greek Energy Market

Chair: Prof. Jochen Mohr

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

12:10 am - 12:30 am	<p>Marios Andrikopoulos Legal Director, ELPEDISON S.A</p>
12:30 am - 12:50 am	<p>Sophia Michelaki Legal Director, DESFA “The importance of energy infrastructure in energy security and the energy transition”</p>
12:50 am - 13:10 pm	<p>Stella Zacharia CEO, Optimus Energy, Head of Energy Assessment, Policy & Regulation, TERNA ENERGY</p>
13:10 pm – 13:30 pm	<p>Olga-Maria Kyritsi Legal Counsel, BayWa r.e. EMEA “Floating PVs - Legal Challenges and their Future Perspective in Greece”</p>
13:30 pm – 13:50 pm	<p>Dimitris Zafeiropoulos Vice President, FORENA Energy S.A. “Empowering Greece’s Energy Future: The Role of Energy Aggregators in a Dynamic Market”</p>
	<p><i>Discussion</i></p>

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

	<p>Speakers:</p>
14:10 pm - 14:30 pm	<p>Thomas Vakalikos, Country Manager, Simply Blue Group “EPCI Expertise and Global Experience in Project Development: Key factors for the realization of offshore wind farms in Greece”</p>
14:30 pm - 14:50 pm	<p>Vassilis Triantafyllos Special Advisor to the Secretary General for Energy and Mineral Resources, Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy</p>
14:50 pm - 15:10 pm	<p>Dr. Sofia Tzortzi Senior Associate, Metaxas & Associates Law Firm; Senior Research Fellow, Hellenic Energy Regulation Institute; Visiting Professor, Université Catholique de Lille “VCCs: A Cost-effective Mechanism for Decarbonisation?”</p>

15:10 pm-15:30 pm	<p>Dr. Maria Lykidi Research Fellow, Hellenic Energy Regulation Institute</p> <p>“Is hydrogen the solution to climate change? What is the role that gas is called to play in the context of the green transition?”</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
15:50 pm – 16:30pm	Lunch Break

Hydrogen and Renewable Gases

Chair: Prof. Leigh Hancher
Professor of EU Law, University of Tilburg; Part-time Professor & Director of the FSR Energy Union Law Area, Florence School of Regulation

	<p>Speakers:</p>
16:30 pm - 16:50 pm	<p>Thomas Burmeister Head of the German Energy & Infrastructure Team and Head of European Utilities, White & Case Law Firm</p> <p>“The Hydrogen Hype – Advising on the Invention of a Value Chain”</p>
16:50 pm - 17:10 pm	<p>Carl Köckert Research Fellow, Berlin Institute for Energy and Regulatory Law E.V. (EnReg)</p> <p>“The Key Results of the Trilogue Negotiations on the EU Gas/Hydrogen Directive”</p>
17:10 pm – 17:30 pm	<p>Dr. Torhild Elin Nordtveit Postdoctoral Researcher, Faculty of Law, University of Bergen</p> <p>“Hydrogen as a Cargo”</p>
17:30 pm -17:50 pm	<p>Dr. Wieland Lehnert, LL.M. Partner Counsel, Becker Büttner Held</p> <p>“Auctioning Support for Green hydrogen - the calls of the European Hydrogen Bank 2023/2024”</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>

**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; Vis. Professor,
College of Europe, Brugges, Belgium

18:10 pm - 18:30 pm	<p>Speakers:</p> <p>Dr. Mary Mitsi Senior Lecturer, Director of Executive Education, Deputy Director of the CIDR Specialism, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London <i>"Interpretation of the Energy Charter Treaty: is it incompatible with EU Climate Law and Arbitration?"</i></p>
18:30 pm - 18:50 pm	<p>Polyxeni D. Gkaintatzi, LL.M. Senior Associate, Metaxas & Associates Law Firm; Senior Research Fellow, Hellenic Energy Regulation Institute <i>"ECT's Sunset Clause - The nexus between EU Law and the ECT?"</i></p>
18:50 pm – 19:10 pm	<p>Vassiliki Koumpli Senior Research Fellow, Hellenic Energy Regulation Institute <i>"Energy Investment Arbitration in the EU: An Endangered Species?"</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>