

# 9<sup>th</sup> Athens Conference on European Energy Law and Policy

## Charting the Legal and Regulatory Dimensions of the Energy Transition

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### WELCOME REMARKS

10:00 am—10:30 pm

#### **Prof. Dr. Antonis Metaxas**

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

#### **Prof. Dr. 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)

#### **Prof. Dr. Ignacio Herrera Anchustegui**

Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Bergen (UiB); 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. Dr. Mary Mitsi**

Assoc. Professor in Commercial Law and International Arbitration, Director of Executive Education, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London (QMUL)

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# PANEL I

## Aggregation and Storage as Climate Action Catalysts: From RES & BESS to CCS

**Chair: Prof. Ignacio Herrera Anchustegui**

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**10:30 am - 10:45am**     **Zoi Stolaki** - Head of Regulatory & Corporate Affairs Department, DEPA S.A.

***Title of presentation pending***

**10:45 am –11:00 am**     **Stella Zacharia** - Chief Executive Officer, Optimus Energy  
**Elena Kalogeropoulou** - BESS Development Manager, Optimus Energy

***“Discussion on BESS Optimisation Contracts”***

**11:00 am - 11:15 am**     **Marios Andrikopoulos** - Head of Legal Affairs, enerwave

***Title of presentation pending***

**11:15 am - 11:30 am**     **Dr. Philippe Vassilopoulos** - Director of Product Development & Algorithms, EPEX Spot

***“Recent Developments in the European Power Markets”***

**11:30 am - 11:45 am**     **Olga-Maria Kyritsi** - Senior Legal Counsel, BayWa r.e. EMEA

***Title of presentation pending***

**11:45 am - 12:00 pm**     **Dimitris Rachiotis** -Head of Regulatory and EU Affairs, EUNICE

***“The role of BESS Systems as a Catalyst for Energy Transition and Climate action – Interactions with RES and Aggregation”***



# PANEL II

## Technological Innovation & Advanced Energy Systems

Chair:

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| 12:10 pm - 12:25 pm  | <p><b>Dr. Lisa Kappler</b> - Partner, Gleiss Lutz (Stuttgart)</p> <p><i>“Sustainable Aviation Fuels – Regulatory Framework and Compliance”</i></p>   |
| 12:25 pm - 12:40 pm  | <p><b>Dr. Stefan Schröder</b> - Partner, Freshfields (Düsseldorf )</p> <p><b>Dr. Hendrik Wessling</b> - Principal Associate, Freshfields (Düsseldorf )</p> <p><i>"Developing Germany's Transmission Grid Infrastructure Between Regulated Return on Equity and Public Interest: A Race for Investment and Fair Prices"</i></p>                                     |
| 12:40 pm - 12:55 pm  | <p><b>Dr. Diego Manuel Cebreros Saettone</b> - Postdoctoral Researcher, Centrale Supélec, Université Paris Saclay</p> <p><i>“Regulatory Challenges for Integrating Levering EVs as Assets to Decarbonize Electricity Systems”</i></p>  |
| 12:55 pm - 13:10 pm  | <p><b>Sofia Michelaki</b> - Head of Legal Affairs, DESFA</p> <p><i>“From Network Operators to Climate Accelerators: The Evolving Role of TSOs in the Legal Framework for Renewable Gases and CO<sub>2</sub> Transportation.”</i></p>   |
| 13: 10 pm - 13:25 pm | <p><b>Dr. Maria Lykidi</b> - Senior Research Fellow, Hellenic Energy Regulation Institute; Responsible of Compliance &amp; Operational Risk Management Unit, Hellenic Energy Exchange S.A."</p> <p><i>"Is the Nuclear Renaissance Here? How the Development of Advanced Technologies like Small Modular Reactors Can Contribute in the Energy Transition?"</i></p> |
| 13:25 pm - 13:40 pm  | <p><b>Dr. Le Wen</b> - Senior Lecturer, Economics Department, University of Auckland Business School, University of Auckland (New Zealand)</p> <p><i>“Energy Transition at the Edge: New Zealand’s Decarbonisation Pathways”</i></p>   |



# LUNCH BREAK

13:50 pm - 14:30 pm

## PANEL III

### Energy & Shipping Dispute Resolution

**Chair: Dr. Mary Mitsi**

Assoc. Professor in Commercial Law and International Arbitration, Director of Executive Education, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London (QMUL)

**14:30 pm - 14:45 pm**     **Dr. Filip Saranovich** - Director of International Maritime Law, Queen Mary University of London

*“Charterparty Disputes and Contract Interpretation in Shipping law”*

**14:45 pm - 15:00 pm**     **Paul Hayes, KC** - 39 Essex Chambers (London)

*“Procedural Innovations in Energy Disputes: Virtual Hearings and Digital Evidence”*

**15:00 - 15:15 pm**     **Vassiliki Koumpli** - Senior Research Fellow, Hellenic Energy Regulation Institute; Senior Associate, Watson Farley & Williams (Athens)

*“The ICJ Advisory Opinion on Climate Change: A new lens for energy investment arbitration”*

**15:15 pm - 15:30 pm**     **Dr. Björn Ebert** - Associated Partner/Rechtsanwalt, Gleiss Lutz (Stuttgart)

*“Energy Transition Disputes – Challenges in Offshore Windfarm Arbitrations”*

# Roundtable Discussion:

## Voluntary Meets Compliance | The Next Chapter for the EU ETS and Carbon

**15:40 pm - 16:10 pm**

**Mary Gilmore-Maurer** - Legal Director, Verra

**Christian Holzleitner**, Head of Unit for Land Economy and Carbon Removals, Directorate-General for Climate Action, European Commission, discusses the EU Carbon Removal Certification Framework (CRCF) and the EU ETS.

### **Discussants:**

**Dr. Sofia Tzortzi** - Senior Research Fellow, Hellenic Energy Regulation Institute

**Maria Charontaki** - Senior Associate, Metaxas & Associates Law Firm



## PANEL IV

# Reforming EU State Aid Rules as a Driver for Innovation and Energy Transition

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**16:10 pm - 16:25 pm**    **Jan Papsch** - Deputy Head of Unit COMP.B3 (Energy and Environment - State aid II), European Commission

*“The Clean Industrial Deal State Aid Framework (CISAF)”*

**16:25 pm - 16:40 pm**    **Prof. Dr. Caroline Buts** - Professor of Business & Economics, Brussels Centre for Competition Policy - Vrije Universiteit Brussel

**Dr. Seppe Maes** - PhD Researcher & Teaching Assistant, Brussels Centre for Competition Policy, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

*Title of presentation pending*

**16:40 pm - 16:55 pm**    **Prof. Dimitrios Kyriazis** - Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; Managing Partner, Kyriazis Law Offices

*“Fiscal State Aid via Energy and Environmental Taxation: A Return to National Autonomy”*

**16:55 pm—17:10 pm**    **Lena Sandberg** - Partner, Wilmer Hale (Brussels)

*Title of presentation pending*

**17:10 pm –17:25 pm**    **Marianne Clayton** - Partner, Clayton & Segura (Brussels)

*“Price Relief Measures for Energy Intensive Users—Section 4.5 CISAF”*

**17:25 pm - 17:40 pm**    **Efstathia Pantopoulou** - Case Handler, DG COMP

*“Recovery of Unlawful and Incompatible State aid: Implications for National Authorities and Energy Companies”*