

10th Athens Conference on European Energy Law and Policy

Rewiring Europe's Energy Future: *Regulation, Infrastructure and Innovation*

December 10th, 2026

WELCOME REMARKS

10:00 - 10:30

Prof. Dr. Antonis Metaxas

Professor, 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)

Delivered by **Nick Schwarz**, Research Fellow, 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, UiB; Member of the Bergen Center for Competition Law & Economics (BECCL) and Bergen Offshore Wind Centre (BOW)

Professor Raphael J. Heffron

Professor and Dean, College of Law, Abu Dhabi University

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)

[TIME ZONE: ATHENS/EET/CET+1/GMT+2]

PANEL I

The Energy Transition

Stress Test: *Can Regulation Keep Up?*

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| 10:30 – 10:40 | Nikolaos Kontinakis - Policy officer, DG Energy, European Commission
Title TBC |
| 10:40 – 10:50 | Sofia Michelaki - Chief Officer of Legal Affairs & Governance, DESFA S.A.
Title TBC |
| 10:50 – 11:00 | Zoi Stolaki - Head of Regulatory & Corporate Affairs Department, Legal Division, DEPA S.A.
Title TBC |
| 11:00 – 11:10 | EnEx - Speaker & Title TBC |
| 11:10 – 11:20 | George Papanastasiou - f.Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry, Republic of Cyprus; Director, GIP Strategy Consultancy Ltd
Title TBC |
| 11:20 - 11:35 | DISCUSSION |

PANEL II

Permitting, Grid Expansion & Infrastructure

Chair: Vassilis Hatzopoulos - Professor of EU Law and Policies, Panteion University; Visiting Professor, College of Europe, Bruges

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- 11:40 – 12:00** **Prof. Dr. Caroline Buts** - Professor of Business & Economics, Brussels Centre for Competition Policy, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Dr. Seppe Maes - Postdoctoral Researcher, Faculty of Social Sciences and Solvay Business, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
TITLE TBC
- 12:00 – 12:10** **Dr. Dimitrios Kyriazis** - Assistant Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
TITLE TBC
- 12:10 - 12:20** **Athanasia Arapogianni Konisti** - Commercial Director, AKTOR LNG
TITLE TBC
- 12:20 - 12:30** **Dr. Giorgos Demetriou** - Associate Dean of Research and Innovation, École des Ponts Business School
TITLE TBC
- 12:30 -12:40** **Aimilia Sarmatzi** - Deputy Director at Central State Aid Unit, Ministry of Finance, Hellenic Republic
TITLE TBC
- 12:40 - 12:55** **DISCUSSION**

PANEL III

Hydrogen, CCS & Industrial Decarbonisation

Chair: Prof. Dr. Ignacio Herrera Anchustegui - Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Bergen (UiB); Head of the Research Group for Climate, Energy and Environmental Law, UiB; Member of the Bergen Center for Competition Law & Economics (BECCLC) and Bergen Offshore Wind Centre (BOW)

13:00 - 13:10 **Dr. Ruven Flemming** - Associate Professor; Scientific Coordinator Groningen Centre of Energy Law and Sustainability (GCELS) and Lead of the Hydrogen Research Line, University of Groningen
Title TBC

13:10 - 13:20 **Alexander Papadimitriou** - Business Development Manager, Ecolog
Title TBC

13:20 - 13:30 **Agapi Papadamou** - Senior Principal, Head of Greece, AFRY
Athanasios Stamoulis - Senior Consultant, AFRY
Title TBC

13:30 - 13:40 **Evanthia (Evita) Alexopoulou** - Research Fellow, HERI; Associate, Metaxas & Associates Law Firm
Title TBC

13:40 - 13:50 **EUNICE** - Speaker & Title TBC

13:50 - 14:05 **DISCUSSION**

LUNCH BREAK

14:05 - 15:00

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Global Perspectives on Energy Law: Navigating the Future of Energy Regulation

15:00 - 16:00

An international discussion bringing together leading experts to explore emerging legal and regulatory challenges in the global energy transition, with particular emphasis on energy security, investment, sustainability, and the evolving role of energy law.

Moderator:

Prof. Raphael J. Heffron - Professor and Dean, College of Law, Abu Dhabi University

Participants:

Vicente López-Ibor Mayor - President, European Federation of Energy Law Associations (EFELA) President, Abogados López-Ibor Mayor & Asociados

Dr. Mohammad Hazrati - Senior Research Fellow, National University of Singapore

Dr. Alicia Phillips - College of Law, Qatar University

PANEL IV

Climate & Energy Litigation: The New Frontier of Energy Regulation

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)

16:00 - 16:10 **Speaker & Title TBC**

16:10 - 16:20 **Speaker & Title TBC**

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16:40-16:55 **DISCUSSION**

CLOSING REMARKS