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## Energy Transition: A Multifaceted Challenge for Europe

## High Level Conference

## The 2030 Energy & Climate Package for the EU: the challenges that lie ahead

**3 December 2014, 9:00 to 13:30 - Egmont Palace, Brussels (Salle Arenberg)**



## Background

2014 is a critical year for the EU and its energy policy. Egmont - Royal Institute for International Relations and the Development Group convene a series of three EU Energy Symposia followed by a High Level Energy Conference in Brussels in order to discuss various issues related to the multifaceted challenge of the EU's energy transition towards a low-carbon economy. The four events address key issues that are currently at the core of European energy governance:

**1<sup>st</sup> Symposium:** The impact of changing energy patterns on EU competitiveness (30 April 2014)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Symposium:** How to finance the EU energy transition towards a low-carbon economy? (11 June 2014)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium:** How to foster energy efficiency in the EU? (30 September 2014)

**High Level Conference:** The 2030 Energy & Climate Package for the EU: the challenges that lie ahead (3 December 2014)

This forward-thinking project aims to foster an intense debate at EU level by bringing together the views of EU decision-makers with those of industry and other energy stakeholders active in Europe.

## Programme

The most important lesson learned from the 2020 package is that if the EU wants an effective energy and climate policy, it has to be comprehensive and not simply tied to sustainability. Means of achieving economic sustainability in terms of competitiveness and security of supply must also be taken into account. Following the conclusions of the European Council on the 2030 Climate and Energy Policy Framework in October 2014, it is relevant to debate whether or not this new framework can achieve these objectives.

The context in which the last energy and climate package was adopted has changed. Following the economic crisis and the increase in energy prices in recent years, the costs to EU competitiveness of implementing an ambitious climate and energy strategy are of increasing concern. Renewable energy sources and technologies have grown significantly, but most of them remain highly subsidized by public funding and insufficiently integrated into the grid. Furthermore the EU is facing a fragmented internal market and an unexpectedly performing Emissions Trading System (ETS), as well as the decreasing production of domestic fossil fuels, an increasing dependency on external supply and the key question of a European Energy Security Strategy raised by the recent developments in Russia and Ukraine. Moreover, global energy markets are changing under the influence of new dynamics such as the expansion of shale gas and oil production in North America, the emergence of new hydrocarbon provinces in Africa and elsewhere, and the increasing energy demand from emerging economies.

Against this background and in light of the objectives and commitments adopted at the European Council in October 2014, this High Level Conference will discuss the challenge of implementing the right 2030 framework for EU energy and climate policies.

- 09:00 - 09:15** **Welcome address**  
Claudia HERING, Head of Public Affairs, Development Group and  
Marc OTTE, Director-General, Egmont Institute
- 09:15 - 09:45** **Keynote address: Main challenges of a new European climate and energy policy**  
Jos DELBEKE, Director-General, DG Clima, European Commission
- 09:45 - 11:30** **Session 1: The necessary balance: Can the 2030 Energy & Climate package reconcile competitiveness, security of supply and sustainability in the EU?**
- Dr. Hans BÜNTING, CEO, RWE Innogy GmbH
  - Simon BAKER, President, ALCOA Europe
  - Robert DURDILLY, President, French Union of Electricity (UFE)
  - David MACLEAN, Manager for Natural Gas Liquids and New Business Development (Europe & Caspian), ExxonMobil Gas & Power Marketing
- Discussant:** Dominique RISTORI, Director-General, DG Energy, European Commission  
**Chair:** Prof. Sami ANDOURA, Senior Associate Fellow, Egmont Institute & Senior Research Fellow, Jacques Delors Institute
- 11:30 - 12:00** **Coffee break**
- 12:00 - 13:30** **Session 2: The necessary governance and policy instruments: How can the 2030 Energy & Climate Package be implemented in a cost-effective and collective way?**
- Dr. Ulrich STREIBL, Senior Vice President Corporate Strategy, OMV
  - Nick WINSER, President, ENTSO-E and CEO, National Grid
  - Pekka SAURI, Deputy-Mayor of Helsinki and Board member of Energy Cities
  - Jerzy BUZEK, Chair of ITRE Committee and former President of the European Parliament
- Discussant:** Dr. Jayesh PARMAR, Partner - Energy Advisory Services, Baringa Partners  
**Chair:** Clémentine d'OULTREMONT, Research Fellow, Egmont Institute
- 13:30 - 14:30** **Lunch**