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An EU energy policy for the future – lessons learned from the existing policy framework

BUSINESSEUROPE SEMINAR

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Venue BUSINESSEUROPE – Avenue de Cortenbergh 168 - 1000 Brussels
Meeting room EUROPE

Objective

Europe's future orientations on energy and climate policies will be crucial for the competitiveness of European industry. In its 2013 Work Programme, the European Commission announces the preparation of a communication giving the long-term perspective for a 2030 EU energy and climate policy framework.

Lessons learned from the 2009 energy and climate package as well as from the functioning of the EU internal energy market need to be taken into account. Together with the expert panels, we want to mobilise the debate around these two subjects, identify critical issues and learn lessons for the future.

Panel I: coordination of EU energy and climate policies

With the 2009 Energy and Climate package, the EU adopted a policy toolkit with the aim of achieving a set of energy and climate targets by 2020. The effectiveness of and interactions among these policy measures have been subject of much debate over the past months.

What has been the effect of combining the ETS market-based approach with other regulatory solutions for energy policies? Are the renewable and energy efficiency set to meet their targets and with what consequences? Is the EU climate and energy package supporting the competitiveness of energy-intensive sectors while improving their sustainability?

Panel II: functioning of the EU internal energy market

A well functioning internal energy market has the potential to deliver strong economic and environmental benefits. However, while some progress has been made, the prospect of a fully integrated and open energy market is still some way down the road. What is still slowing down liberalisation? Are benefits both economic and environmental from the internal energy market already tangible? What impact do national energy policies have on the internal market and how can better coordination add value to national energy policies? What is the impact of the expansion of gas and renewable energies?

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