



**Monday 16 June 2014 // 12:00 - 14:00**

# European Energy Governance Towards 2030 and Beyond

The Institute for European Studies at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel kindly invites you to a Policy Forum on Monday 16 June 2014, 12:00h-14:00h, entitled "European energy governance towards 2030 and beyond".

In its Communication of 22 January 2014 on "A policy framework for climate and energy in the period from 2020 to 2030", the European Commission suggests a new approach to European energy governance. Specifically, the Commission argues that "there is a need to simplify and streamline the current separate processes for reporting on renewable energy, energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction for the period after 2020, and to have a consolidated governance process with Member States. Meeting the relevant targets would be met by a mix of Union measures and national measures described in Member States' national plans for competitive, secure and sustainable energy". The communication proposes a greenhouse gas emission reduction target for domestic EU emissions of 40% by 2030 compared to 1990 levels. For renewable energy it proposes a headline target at the European level (!) of at least 27% in 2030, with flexibility for Member States to set national objectives. Pending the ongoing review of the energy efficiency directive, no energy efficiency target is proposed.

The Policy Forum seeks to address the following questions:

- *What could the proposed new EU governance process to coordinate national energy policy implementation look like?*
- *Which Union- and national measures could be used to achieve the above-mentioned targets for 2030, and beyond to successfully decarbonise the EU by 2050?*
- *More specifically, what are the appropriate policies and measures to meet the EU headline target of 27% renewable energy, considering recent developments such as new EU state aid guidelines on the environment and energy as well as pending cases before the European Court of Justice regarding renewable energy subsidy schemes?*

The expert panel that will consider the policy challenges outlined above consists of the following speakers:

- **Jaap Jansen**, Senior Energy Policy Researcher at the Energy research Centre of the Netherlands (ECN)
- **Peter Niermeijer**, Secretary General at RECS International (a non-profit organization striving for an open pan-European renewable energy market)
- **Niels Anger**, Policy Officer Energy Policy Coordination, European Commission DG Energy.
- Chair: **Lisanne Groen**, Institute for European Studies

## Registration & Venue

The policy forum starts at 12:00 with a lunch and will be followed by the discussion as from 12:30. Participation is free of charge and open to all but due to space limitations, registration is mandatory. [Please register here!](#)

### Venue:

Institute for European Studies  
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