

# Public intervention in the energy transition: A legal and economic perspective on State aid policy

Friday, 24 November 2017 | 14:00-19:00  
Amphitheatre Raymond Aron (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

JOINT CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY  
THE ENERGY UNION LAW AREA OF THE FLORENCE SCHOOL OF REGULATION (EUI),  
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EU State aid regulations play a significant role in shaping the internal energy market, defining both the market design and regulations in areas such as the support for clean technologies (renewables, nuclear, energy efficiency, etc.), security of supply (resource adequacy and capacity mechanisms), infrastructures (PCI, etc.) or R&D and innovation. The State aid rules for energy and the environment have evolved over time to streamline a number of processes and to provide more specific guidelines on some of the key issues such as capacity mechanisms.

In the context of the EU Energy Transition, a number of emerging issues will need to be examined. For instance, as a large part of investments and public support for clean technologies is going to be channeled into small-scale decentralised projects, the General Block Exemption approach may need to be revisited. Questions are also likely to emerge regarding the role of the actors in the regulated parts of the value chain, in particular network operators in the provision of new energy services or data management. A key point remains the treatment of nuclear energy, where any form of support still needs to be referred to the Commission on a case-by-case basis. Capacity mechanisms and the treatment of energy-intensive industries are additional issues.

The workshop will review the different interfaces between EU State aid policies and the internal energy market drawing from academic research and the experiences of practitioners. As technologies, consumer behaviour, and policy objectives evolve, the conference will debate how competition and State aid policy will need to adapt in order to support the development of an efficient internal energy market.

# Programme

13:30-14:00 *Welcome coffee*

14:00-14:10 **WELCOME**

- **Fabien Roques** | Paris-Dauphine University; Chaire European Electricity Markets
- **Jan Horst Keppler** | Paris-Dauphine University; Chaire European Electricity Markets
- **Eric Brousseau** | Paris-Dauphine University; Governance and Regulation Chair
- **Adrien de Hauteclocque** | Florence School of Regulation/RSCAS/EUI; Court of Justice of the European Union

14:10-14:40 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

**RECENT TRENDS AND KEY ISSUES FOR STATE AID IN EU ENERGY MARKETS**

- **Céline Gauer** | DG Competition, European Commission

14:40-16:30 **SESSION I: THE INTERSECTION OF STATE AID CONTROL, ENERGY POLICY AND INDUSTRIAL POLICY IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION**

*Chair: Adrien de Hauteclocque | FSR/RSCAS/EUI; Court of Justice of the European Union*

- The Interplay of Energy Policy and Industrial Policy in the Energy Transition  
**Patrice Geoffron** | Paris-Dauphine University
- An Economic Perspective on the Interface between State Aid, Energy Policy, and Industrial Policy

**Vincent Verouden** | E.CA Economics

- A Legal Perspective on State Aid Control, Energy Policy, and Industrial Policy  
**Pablo Ibanez Colomo** | London School of Economics

- State Aid Control, Security of Supply and the Role of Capacity Mechanisms

**Fabien Roques** | Paris-Dauphine University

**Guillaume Dezobry** | Amiens University; FIDAL

16:30-17:00 *Coffee break*

17:00-18:30 **SESSION II: FROM CENTRALISED TO DECENTRALISED ENERGY PRODUCTION? FUTURE ISSUES FOR STATE AID IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION**

*Chair: Jan Horst Keppler | Paris-Dauphine University; Chaire European Electricity Markets*

- State Aid and the Role of Network Operators in Delivering New Energy Service and Data Management

**Olivier Fréget** | Fréget Tasso de Panafieu

- An Economic Perspective on Support for Centralised and Decentralised Energy Production

**Geza Sapi** | DG Competition, European Commission

- Challenges and Opportunities for Decentralised Energy Production in the State Aid Framework: View from a Public Interest Lawyer

**Maria Kleis-Walravens** | ClientEarth

18:30-19:00 **CONCLUDING KEYNOTE SPEECH**

- Do the State Aid Rules Help or Hinder the Energy Transition?

**Leigh Hancher** | Florence School of Regulation/RSCAS/EUI; Tilburg University; Allen & Overy LLP

19:00 *Cocktail reception*