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Network Governance in Energy Services

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Via delle Fontanelle 10, San Domenico di Fiesole

Programme

14:00-14:10	<i>Registration</i>
14:10-14:30	Welcome address Public and private regulation in network industry Fabrizio Cafaggi and Pippo Ranci, EUI
Session 1	Public and private regulation in network governance Chair: Jan Moen, NVE
14:30 – 15:10	System operators as private regulators Pierre Bernard, Elia Graeme Steele, NGC - GIE
15:10 – 15:30	Lessons from experience of a working market design in the Nordic area Kurt Jørnsten, Norwegian School of Economics and BA
15:30 – 16:00	General discussion
Session 2	The European Commission's Third Package and the proposal for "Effective and Efficient Unbundling" (third option) Chair: Fabrizio Cafaggi, EUI

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- 16:00 – 16:20 **Network governance in the third energy package**
Jan-Gerrit Westerhof, EU Commission
- 16:20 – 16:40 *Coffee break*
- 16:40 – 17:00 **A presentation of the proposal for “Effective and Efficient Unbundling” (third option)**
Julia Antoni, BNetzA
- 17:00 – 17:20 **A comment**
Philippe Raillon, CRE
General discussion
- Session 3** ***The impact analysis: is it really useful?***
Chair: **Harald Stindl**, OMV
- 17:20 – 17:40 **Can an impact analysis have an impact on decisions?**
Jacopo Torriti, FSR
- 17:40 – 18:00 **Views from the Industry**
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- 18:00 – 18:20 General discussion
- 18:20 – 18:30 **Concluding remarks**

Objectives of the Workshop

The institutional and governance setting of the large energy networks (electricity transmission and gas transport) lies at the core of the present debate on how to implement the energy internal market.

The third energy package of the European Commission sets out proposals which are being debated and counterproposals have been advanced.

Ownership unbundling is one object of contrasting views: both expected costs and expected benefits from it are evaluated very differently. The contrast is not only on the relative weights of costs and benefits, but sometimes opposite effects are expected on the same goal (e.g. ownership unbundling is seen as facilitating or hindering new investment).

Network or, better, system operators in electricity and gas bear a special responsibility in order to ensure a smooth and satisfactory working of the electricity and gas systems. They operate as companies and at the same time they perform some regulatory functions under the control of the public institutions in charge of regulation. Any proposal on the institutional and governance setting must consider this aspect.

An accurate and objective (as much as possible) analysis of the ways to improve the governance of the networks in view of the Internal Energy Market is needed.

Any proposal should be assessed on the basis of its expected impact on the economy, and in particular on the energy markets and on the positions of all stakeholders. In fact the EC proposal has been accompanied by an impact analysis report. Any proposal should be subject to a similar procedure, and this provides an opportunity for assessing the usefulness of impact analysis as it is currently performed.

The Workshop is an FSR initiative jointly organised with the Law Department of the EUI in a series on “public and private regulation”.