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EXPERTS TO DISSECT ENERGY UNION IN BRUSSELS

The Florence School of Regulation (FSR) is coming to Brussels on 20th March to debate one of the most urgent topics in today's Europe. To ask whether the 'Energy Union' proposal from the European Commission consists of any new content or if it's just a repackaging of yesterday's ideas.

The European energy system faces an increasingly pressing need to remain secure, sustainable, affordable and competitive for all citizens. Excessive dependence on a limited number of supply sources, especially for natural gas, leaves countries vulnerable to supply disruptions. We must reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and limit greenhouse gas emissions, as well as the cost of energy.

The Commission claims that the Framework Strategy for the Energy Union sets the vision for the future and integrates a series of policy areas into one cohesive strategy. It aims to incorporate mutually reinforcing initiatives which – when fully implemented – will ensure that the EU is better placed to meet its challenges based on solidarity and trust between Member States. Our panel of experts are not convinced and will put their arguments and critiques forward at Friday's debate in Brussels.

The panel will be moderated by **Christian Oliver**, the new EU correspondent at the Financial Times. Panellists will include **Sami Andoura** from the Jacques Delors Institute/College of Europe, **Jean-Michel Glachant** from the Florence School of Regulation, **Tadhg O'Briain** from the European Commission, **Georg Zachmann** from Bruegel and **Jean-Arnold Vinois**, from the Jacques Delors Institute and honorary director at Directorate-General for Energy.

Location: *CEER Secretariat, Cours Saint-Michel 30a, 1040 Brussels, Belgium*

Please note that this event is live streamed from 11:00 to 13:30:

<http://www.eui.eu/Projects/FSR/Events/ENERGY/Debates/2015/150320DebatingtheEuropeanEnergyUnion.aspx>

[The Florence School of Regulation](#) is the centre of excellence for policy debate on European energy regulation and climate policy. The Florence School of Regulation also provides specialised training and does advanced research on energy regulation and policy making.

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