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Energy talks #2

“Building the European framework for the decarbonisation of the trans-European gas infrastructure”

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Tuesday, 9 November 2021, 18.00-20.00

It is our pleasure to invite you to the second seminar of the **Energy Talk series** event **«Building the European framework for the decarbonisation of the trans-European gas infrastructure»**.

Chair: Dr. Charikleia Vlachou, Lecturer at the Department of Law, University of Cyprus
Invited Speaker: Mrs Areti Kostaraki, Senior EU Policy Manager, Delegation of EU affairs, GRTgaz
When: Tuesday 9, November 2021 at 18:00-20:00 (GMT+3)
Where: Online via Zoom, please register [here](#)

The European Green Deal requires an ambitious decarbonisation effort of all the polluting sectors of the economy, in order for the European Union to reach the target of climate neutrality by the year 2050. The energy sector is far from being an exception: it faces existential questions since it is subject to the decarbonisation strategy while at the same time aiming to reconcile the numerous objectives of the Energy Union project: reduce energy dependency by maintaining the security of supply and increasing the energy efficiency, achieve a fully integrated energy market, invest in research and innovation.

The development of trans-European energy infrastructure constitutes a core element of the European energy policy according to article 194 TFEU. Such development must, however, be aligned to the climate strategy of the EU. This is the reason why the main legislative instrument in this area, viz. the Regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure (TEN-E Regulation), needs to be revised: the sustainability goal deserves a more prominent role. The legislative proposal for its revision has been published in December 2020 – aka. prior to the “Fit for 55” proposals - and (together with the Taxonomy dossier) it has set the tone for the negotiations and shed light on the diverging approaches of the Member states, regions and economic actors when it comes to decarbonisation strategies, means and pace.

This seminar will focus on the revision of the TEN-E Regulation discussing the gas industry related topics that arose and were heavily debated during the different phases of the interinstitutional negotiations.

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Mrs. Areti Kostaraki

Mrs. Areti Kostaraki is an expert in the field of energy, currently contributing to the EU affairs strategy of GRTgaz. She has solid experience on legal and regulatory affairs in the energy sector having collaborated as a lawyer with the Greek energy regulator (RAE), the Legal Division of GRT-gaz and the European Association of Transmission System Operators of Gas (ENTSO-G) in Brussels. Areti has shared her professional experience through guest lectures in several European Universities and institutions, among which the Robert Schuman University of Strasbourg (L.L.M. in Energy law, energy management and sustainable development), the Paris I University (Panthéon-Sorbonne, L.L.M. in Energy law) and the Florence School of Regulation specialised training on the regulation of gas markets. Areti holds a law degree from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, an L.L.M. in Energy Law from the Robert Schuman University of Strasbourg and currently pursues a second specialised Master's degree on EU affairs in the prestigious Ecole Nationale d'Administration in France.