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Energy talks #3

“The present and future of the decommissioning of offshore energy installations”

Dr. Ignacio Herrera Anchustegui

Wednesday, 1st December 2021, 16.00-18.00

It is our pleasure to invite you to the **third** seminar of the **Energy Talk series** event « **The present and future of the decommissioning of offshore energy installations** ».

Chair: Dr. Charikleia Vlachou, Lecturer at the Department of Law, University of Cyprus

Invited Speaker: Dr. Ignacio Herrera Anchustegui, Associate Professor, University of Bergen

When: Wednesday, 1st December 2021 at 16:00-18:00 (GMT+3)

Where: Online via Zoom, please register [here](#)

“Decommissioning and recycling offshore energy infrastructures (OEI) is a massive business. In the North Sea alone the OSPAR Commission reports more than 1,350 operational energy installations, hundreds of which will need to be decommissioned over the next two decades with an estimated value of €52 billion by 2040. These figures do not include the potential for thousands of wind turbines constructed to power Europe.

By and large, legal regimes require offshore energy structures to be removed from the sea at the end of the life span. There are safety, environmental and even business reasons for this. Oil and gas platforms and offshore wind turbines, are composed of heavy materials, including steel, cement, plastic, fibreglass, including aluminium and rare minerals. Although much of the material from O&G rigs is recycled, and despite decades of experience in OEIs decommissioning in the North Sea, a focus on valuable circularity is missing. Law may play a part in incorporating it.

In this presentation, I seek to discuss central concepts about decommissioning: where the obligation to decommissioning comes from, who has to decommission and related liability issues. I will contrast the rules regarding oil and gas installations and wind turbines, to determine any divergences between the industries. Additionally, I will present the current regulatory landscape applicable to offshore decommissioning in the North Sea, with a focus on the role of legal research and regulatory frameworks to increase the sustainability of decommissioning operations”

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Dr. Ignacio Herrera Anchustegui

Dr. Ignacio Herrera Anchustegui is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bergen, specializing in the regulation of energy markets and new energy technologies, with an emphasis on offshore wind. His work combines law, economics and technology in an interdisciplinary, cross-jurisdictional and comparative perspective with an emphasis on regulatory and governance frameworks of energy markets. He leads the Research group for Natural Resource Law, Environmental Law and Development Law, Faculty of Law, University of Bergen.

Ignacio is the author of more than 40 publications. He received the Meltzerprisen for yngre forskere 2017 for his academic research and significant contributions to EU/EEA market law scholarship as a leading academic at the University of Bergen under 35 years old, and his PhD thesis, “Buyer Power in EU Competition Law” was awarded the 2017 Concurrences Award to the best PhD thesis in Competition Law & Economics.