

Energy security through Energy Union – What does it mean?

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Who is Eurogas?

29 companies
14 associations

Wholesale
Retail
Distribution





1. Building an Energy Union

What should be the objectives?

- 1. Integrating markets**
- 2. Strengthening supply security**
- 3. Diversifying (low-carbon) energy options**

What should be the objectives?

- **Consistent implementation at national, regional and European level**
- **Solidarity by steering and nourishing a spirit of greater communication + cooperation amongst Member States**
- **Sound governance to accomplish the internal energy market + 2030 framework**

Thus driving European economic growth and triggering investment + employment

Design a cost-efficient market-based energy transition

- **Coordinate core policies connected with energy to focus on customer needs for affordable + secure energy**
- **Let the market determine energy sources + technologies**
- **Take competitive approaches in coherent policies, taking into account regional characteristics**
- **Strengthen the Emissions Trading System**
- **Promote energy efficiency, demand-side response, innovation and new business models – all market driven**

Trust in the market to deliver security

- **Remove remaining distortions and obstacles to make the market attractive for market-based investment**
- **Provide a predictable and stable coordinated regulatory framework**
- **Implement energy legislation in a harmonised way**

Speak with one diplomatic voice

- **Establish and maintain good diplomatic relations with gas supply and transit countries across the world**
- **DO NOT confound diversification with self-sufficiency**

Aim for a holistic approach to the energy market

- **Optimise ALL indigenous energy resources**
- **Consider the electricity + gas grids in combination with each other – Gas grids are smart, too!**
- **Assure investors ready to finance gas projects that gas will see no discrimination**
- **Address social problems in line with a dynamic and cost-efficient energy market**



2. Enhancing security of supply

Implement energy legislation effectively

- **Complete missing infrastructure links, including bi-directional flow, if driven by commerce**
- **Provide access to the (wholesale) market**
Barriers: language and residence requirements
- **Provide effective third-party access to the network**
Prevent hoarding, limited or even no offer of products
- **Coordinate auctions of bundled products across borders**

Implement energy legislation effectively

- **Check access conditions, including tariffs, to storage**
- **Check that balancing costs reflect market value**
- **Promote the development of liquid hubs**
- **Employ market-based measures even in an emergency + leave non-market-based measures as a last resort**

Review the Security of Supply Regulation

- **Address the supply standard: How and why does it differ between Member States? – Room for harmonisation in defining protected customers?**
- **Address N-1 formula taking account of a growing liquid and cross-border market**
- **Promote the development of liquid hubs**

Review the Security of Supply Regulation

- **Improve solidarity by coordinating Preventive Action Plans + Emergency Plans, learning from each other**
- **Ease reporting burden on contracts, especially as REMIT implementation is stepped up**
- **Review this Regulation in parallel with security of supply legislation in the electricity sector**

Do not be tempted by too much control over

- **Intergovernmental agreements + supply contracts**
- **Storage**
- **LNG trade**
- **Demand aggregation**
- **Imports**

In conclusion

- **Complete physical interconnection**
- **Complete the internal energy market**
- **Implement and review security of supply legislation**
- **Cooperate more strongly at regional level**
- **Be market-based in all aspects of today's and tomorrow's energy system**

Thank you for your attention!

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