



## ENERGY AND CLIMATE EXCHANGE

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### The fundamentals of the European gas and electricity markets revisited

With

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Chaired by: **Georg Zachmann**, Research Fellow Bruegel

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*Bruegel, Rue de la Charité 33, 1210 Brussels*

We would like to invite you to attend a presentation and discussion of the European Union's energy policy.

In the last decade Directives from Brussels created markets, facilitated cross border trade, stipulated the deployment of renewables and coordinated pollution reductions. However, many observers regret that key European energy projects – such as the internal market, EU support to energy research or coordinated energy efficiency measures – are not gaining pace. There is even a feeling of divergence in some areas. Several member states policies such as uncoordinated support mechanisms for energy generated from renewable sources challenge the European single market objectives. After a 30 min initial statement by **Jean-Pierre Hansen** you are invited to discuss how individual and national interest can be accommodated with European welfare maximization. The discussion will be chaired by Georg Zachmann, Research Fellow at Bruegel.

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#### *About the speaker*

**Jean-Pierre Hansen** is member of the Executive Committee GDF SUEZ, Professor at the Université Catholique de Louvain and the Ecole Polytechnique (Paris) and Visiting Scholar at MIT (2011)

He holds Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering and Economics and a PhD in Engineering and has worked in the gas and electricity industry for more than 35 years.