



**The socioeconomic value of electricity transmission investment  
The case of Northern Europe  
Launch of CEPS Special Report  
28 November 2011, 16:00-18:30**

**Draft Agenda**

**INTRODUCTION**

The transition to a competitive low carbon economy is a prime objective of EU energy policy. Increasing the share of electricity generated from RES is essential for reaching this target. Indeed, significant RES-E generation capacity additions are planned all across Europe. In Northern Europe (including the Nordic and Baltic States, Germany, the UK, Poland, the Netherlands and Belgium) a large part of this new capacity will be variable wind energy. As a result, the challenge lies in integrating variable RES-E in the North European electricity grid, while guaranteeing security of electricity supply and fostering EU competitiveness. Investing in new transmission infrastructure that would allow for more electricity trading in Northern Europe could make an important contribution to coping with this challenge and benefit all three dimensions of the energy policy triangle.

**15:30** *Registration*

**16:00** Welcome and introduction by **Christian Egenhofer**, Senior Research Fellow, CEPS

**16:10** Presentation of the key results of the CEPS Special Report on 'The socioeconomic value of electricity transmission investment – The case of Northern Europe' by **Jonas Teusch**, CEPS

**PANEL DISCUSSION: Setting the right infrastructure priorities**

The panel discussion will discuss whether the proposed Commission infrastructure package provides the right incentives for transmission infrastructure and uses all necessary tools to accelerate RES-E integration in a cost-effective way. Issues to be addressed will include planned RES-E capacity, the potential for electricity trading in Northern Europe, barriers to transmission investment and how to overcome them. Special attention will be paid to the question if the proposed criteria for projects of common interest will be effective in prioritising the most urgently needed investments. The results of the workshop shall feed into the legislative process on the infrastructure package and provide input for the ENTSO-E's regional workshops on the Ten-Year Network Development Plan scheduled for December 2011.

**16:25** **Panel discussion<sup>1</sup>**

Panellists are:

- **Catharina Sikow-Magny**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Energy, European Commission
- **Claude Turmes**, MEP
- **Dimitrios Chaniotis**, Senior Advisor, System Development, ENTSO-E
- **Sylvia Spruck**, Representative, BNetzA (German Federal Network Agency)
- **Ulrik Stridbaek**, Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs, DONG Energy A/S

**17:25** **Discussion**

**18:30** *End of the meeting (at the latest) followed by refreshments*

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<sup>1</sup> Introductory comments of 8-10 minutes by each panellist followed by discussion