EU energy policy

On 30 November, the European Commission unveiled its 'Clean Energy for All Europeans' legislative package, which it hopes will mark a major step towards creating an Energy Union that ensures a functioning internal market in gas and electricity, addresses security of supply issues, promotes renewable energy sources, encourages energy efficiency and sharply reduces greenhouse gas emissions. The Commission expects these various measures to mobilise up to 177 billion euro of public and private investment per year from 2021, generate up to one percent increase in economic output over the next decade and create 900,000 new jobs.

This note offers links to a selection of recent commentaries, studies and reports, from some of the major international think tanks and research institutes, which discuss EU energy policies. More papers on the topic can be found in a previous edition of 'What Think tanks are Thinking.'

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LUISS School of European Political Economy, February 2016

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German Marshall Fund, May 2016

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Bruegel, April 2016

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Transatlantic Academy, April 2016
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Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, February 2016

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Bruegel, January 2016

The European neighbourhood and the EU's security of supply with natural gas
Jacques Delors Institute - Berlin, January 2016

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Istituto Affari Internazionali, December 2015

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Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, December 2015

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E3G, September 2016

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