

## Workshop on Brexit and Energy Policy

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### Speakers' Biographies

#### **Dr Simone Tagliapietra, Research Fellow at Bruegel**



Simone Tagliapietra, an Italian citizen, joined Bruegel in April 2015. He is also Senior Researcher at the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei and Lecturer at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.

He is an expert in international energy and climate issues, with a record of numerous publications covering the international energy markets, the European energy and climate policy and the Euro-Mediterranean energy relations, with a particular focus on Turkey.

Before joining Bruegel he spent a year in Istanbul as Visiting Researcher at the Istanbul Policy Center at Sabanci University. Previously, he also completed a traineeship at the Sustainable Energy Division of the United

Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in Geneva.

He is a Member of the Editorial Board of the European Energy Journal (EEJ) and a Senior Expert Member of the Euro-Med Economists Association (EMEA).

**Dr Georg Zachman, Senior Fellow at Bruegel**



Georg Zachmann is a German citizen. He joined Bruegel in September 2009. He is also a member of the German Advisory Group in Ukraine and the German Economic Team in Belarus and Moldova. Prior to that he worked at the German Ministry of Finance and the German Institute for Economic Research in Berlin.

Georg Zachmann's work at Bruegel focuses on energy and climate change issues. He has worked on the European emission trading system, the European electricity market and European renewables policy. In addition, he covers fuel and commodity markets to some extent. Upcoming works will deal with market concentration, the effectiveness of the EU ETS, electricity market design and transmission

system investment as well as the economic perspectives in the southern Mediterranean countries.

Georg holds a doctoral degree of the Technical University Dresden as well as a diploma in economics from the Humboldt University Berlin. In Berlin and Dresden, as well as during research and study visits to the London Business School and the Université Val d'Essone, he specialized in empirical microeconomics and energy economics.

**Ms. Laura Brien, Director of Energy Markets at the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) in Ireland**



Laura Brien was appointed Director of Energy Markets in 2014. Laura has over 20 years' experience in the energy sector, having advised on energy policy at both national and international level.

She previously held economic consulting roles across both public and private utility companies, providing advice to government departments, regulators and private equity firms relating to the deregulation and privatization of electricity industry in several US states, Mexico, Ireland, Spain, Brazil, Thailand and Canada.

She acted as a senior economic advisor to Comreg until she joined the CRU in 2014 to take up her current role, which is responsible for overseeing all aspects of competition and

consumer protection in the energy retail markets in Ireland and the wholesale all-island electricity market (SEM) in cooperation with the Utility Regulator in Belfast.

**Ms. Berta Picamal, Executive Advisor to the Director General at FORATOM**



Berta Picamal started working in FORATOM in June 2004. Since then she has been in charge of the Radioactive Waste Management and Decommissioning Financing issues, Transport of RAM and Nuclear New projects in the EU.

In May 2012, she started as an executive advisor to the FORATOM Director General. She is also now responsible for analysing consequences of Brexit for the nuclear industry.

She started her professional career in 1996 as Task Manager in the European Commission's AIDCO Unit dealing with Nuclear Safety in the former Soviet Union countries.

In 2000 she moved to the EBRD in London where she worked in the European Commission's office and was in charge of analysing the Bank's proposals for investment and to ensure compatibility with EU's policies. She dealt with major investment projects also in the nuclear sector (ie Chernobyl Shelter Fund and Nuclear Safety Account).