

## Energy Union

The European Commission launched a blueprint on 25 February for an Energy Union that would ensure the free flow of gas and electricity across the European Union, diversify energy supply and move the bloc towards a low carbon economy in what is hoped to be a major shake-up aimed to create growth, job and enhance security.

Presenting its [Energy Union Strategy](#), one of ten priority projects of President Jean-Claude Juncker, the Commission said it wanted to improve energy infrastructure to better share supplies and integrate renewables, end regulated pricing, increase the number of liquefied natural gas terminals and enforce existing law on competition. Energy efficiency in buildings and transport, as well as smart grids, should help keep energy demand from outpacing supplies. Research and innovation should make Europe a world leader in clean energy technologies. EU heads of state and government are due to discuss the energy union at their meeting on 19-20 March.

This note offers links to **a selection of recent commentaries, studies and reports**, authored by some of the major international think tanks and research institutes, which discuss the prospects for, and ways to create, a single energy market within the European Union.

### Commentaries:

[EU's quest for energy security - What role for the Energy Union?](#)

European Policy Centre (EPC), 3 March 2015

[La sécurité énergétique européenne et les relations extérieures de l'Union et des pays membres](#)

Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI), March 2, 2015

[To secure Europe's energy, build a market and integrate Ukraine](#) Atlantic Council, March 3, 2015

[The Commission's energy union 'strategy': A rebranded work programme](#)

Centre for European Reform (CER), February 27, 2015

[De la Communauté européenne de l'énergie à l'Union de l'énergie](#) Notre Europe, February 25, 2015

[Memo: A Washington view on Europe's energy union](#) German Marshall Fund, February 12, 2015

[Europe's energy security – is the Energy Union the answer?](#) European Policy Centre (EPC), January 28, 2015

[Energy Union: Can Europe learn from Japan's joint gas purchasing?](#)

Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), December 11, 2014

[Should the EU have an Energy Union?](#) Carnegie Europe, December 10, 2014

[What should an energy union cover?](#) Centre for European Reform (CER), November 27, 2014

## Analyses and studies:

[Energy, a networked Europe](#) Robert Schuman Foundation, March 2, 2015

[Revisiting energy security in turbulent times](#) Egmont, Madariaga, IFRI, January 28, 2015

[From the European Energy Community to the Energy Union - A new policy proposal](#)  
Notre Europe, January 27, 2015

[Energy Union in focus: Five reasons why the end of South Stream should mark the beginning of Energy Union in the EU](#) Martens Centre, December 16, 2014

[#EnergyManifesto: A New Energy Policy for the New European Commission?](#)  
Jean-Michel Glachant, European University Institute (EUI), 2015

[Making the most of Energy Union](#) Centre for European Policy Studies, December 16, 2014

[Elements of Europe's energy union](#) Bruegel, September 10, 2015

[Bolstering European energy security](#) German Marshall Fund, June 10, 2014

## Related publications:

[Russian gas stream or dream?](#) Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), February 2, 2015

[Russia, Ukraine, and U.S. policy options](#) Center for Strategic and International Studies, January 29, 2015

[Deep decarbonization in Germany: A macro-analysis of economic and political challenges of the 'Energiewende'](#) DIW, January, 2015

[The declared end of South Stream and why nobody seems to care](#)  
Centre for European Policy Studies, December 5, 2014

[Energy Policies of IEA Countries: European Union 2014 Review](#)  
International Energy Agency (IEA), December 2014

## EP publications:

[Energy supply in the EU28](#)  
Members' Research Service, European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS), June 2014

[EU energy governance for the future](#) Policy Department A, January 2015

[The cost of non-Europe in the Single Market for energy](#) European Added Value Unit, EPRS, June 2013

[The EU's energy security made urgent by the Crimean crisis](#) Policy Department, DG EXPO, 2014.

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