

CALL FOR PAPERS: The 2020 Strategy Experience: Lessons for Regional Cooperation, EU Governance and Investment

Two ongoing political processes are set to shape the future of EU energy and climate policy. On the one hand, following up on the 2020 Strategy, the European Commission and the Member States seek to move beyond 2020 and design a 2030 Climate and Energy Framework that will address climate change and energy transformation in a manner acceptable for all the parties. On the other hand, partly as a consequence of the ongoing Ukraine crisis, the incoming president of the European Council and former PM of Poland Donald Tusk, as well as the designated EC head Jean-Claude Juncker have proposed creation of an Energy Union as a political project that could effectively address the “energy trilemma” of sustainability, affordability and security. Both these processes, however, continue to unfold against the well-known background of a European **energy governance paradox**: that the EU requires solidarity and energy policy coordination, while at the same time safeguarding nearly full national sovereignty over energy policies and systems.

We would therefore like to invite **contributions from political scientists, economists and energy experts working in this and related topic areas** to submit papers that explore experience and learn lessons on EU governance mechanisms relevant for the energy and climate field. These papers should combine policy relevance with academic and methodological rigor. In order to enable learning from the lessons of the 2020 Strategy, the papers should focus **on key elements of energy governance** and can cover aspects both **regional cooperation and coordination and EU level processes**. This can be explored, for example, in the context of **cross-border and domestic infrastructure development and renewable energy policy diffusion**.

Selected papers will be published in a Special Issue of the *Climate Policy* journal published in partnership with Climate Strategies.

Submissions may also be selected to inform the agenda of a conference, due to be held in Berlin on 17th and 18th June, 2015. This event will be co-hosted by DIW Berlin, the Hertie School of Governance, Climate Strategies and the European Commission’s office in Berlin. Based on the lessons from the governance experience of the 2020 Strategy for the post-2020 period the conference will focus on improving coordination and cooperation within the EU that would allow EU member states to achieve their renewable energy and climate targets.

Authors interested in contributing are kindly asked to submit **abstracts of no more than 300-500 words by Sunday, 15th March 2015**. The Scientific Advisory Board will select the most relevant topics and notify the authors by mid-March asking for full papers by June. For authors invited to present their research at the Berlin conference, travel and accommodation costs will be covered by the organizers.

Please send files containing the **paper’s title, the abstract, your contact and affiliation details, as well as an indication to which of the three issue areas the proposed papers is related**, to: Olga Zhystenko at the Department of Climate Policy, DIW Berlin (ozhystenko@diw.de).

For questions on the content of your potential contributions as well as any other inquiries regarding the academic side, please contact Dr. Kacper Szulecki, the coordinator of the Scientific Advisory Board under kacper.szulecki@stv.uio.no.

Please find below some more detailed research questions for your contributions.

Cross-border and domestic infrastructure development

- Evaluation of the developments so far: electricity and gas.
- National and cross-border infrastructure: similarities and differences, regulatory and coordination challenges with multiple stakeholders, drivers and incentives for different actors. What is the impact of EU governance on cross border and domestic infrastructure development: EC, DG Energy, 3rd package, ACER, ENTSO, PCIs.
- The 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 Multi-annual Financial Frameworks and their impact on EU energy and climate goals: experiences, improvements and open questions.

Regional cooperation and coordination

- Evaluating cooperation and coordination: focus on Germany, Poland, France, Norway.
- What were the limitations and barriers to better cooperation and coordination?
- To what extent has the European Semester been effective in fostering coordination? Through which mechanisms and what are the visible effects so far?

Renewable energy expansion and policy diffusion

- What is the role and effect of EU mechanisms and policies?
- Are member states learning from each other? The German experience and its impacts. What are the perspectives of other Member States on renewables deployment and how different or unique are the problems they face?
- The changing political economy of the energy sector with increased RES deployment – from feed-in tariffs to auctioning and the proposed capacity markets, where are we headed? Can we achieve economic efficiency without blocking investment and stalling RE expansion?