PRESS BRIEFING

Energy Union
Can We Do It Without the Energy Charter?

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With the exciting new developments in the energy sector happening at the EU-level and on the global arena, we would like to share with you our views and activities on some of the most salient challenges ahead, mainly on the topics of:

1. The Energy Charter Process and its implications for the EU’s Energy Union
2. The International Energy Charter political declaration
3. The Energy Charter and its activities in the Visegrad region

The agenda of the briefing is as follows:
• 09.00 – 09.30 | Arrival and registration | Welcome Coffee
• 09.30 – 10.00 | Presentation by the Secretary General of the Energy Charter Secretariat
• 10.00 – 11.00 | Q & A Session | Press Conference

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What does the Energy Charter do?

ENERGY SECURITY
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
OPEN & EFFICIENT ENERGY MARKETS

Dispute Resolution

Investment Protection and Promotion
Trade and Transit
Energy Efficiency

Freedom of Transit

Non-Discrimination among Energy Market Participants
National Sovereignty over Natural Resources

Energy Charter Treaty
What does the Energy Charter do?

The Energy Charter Treaty establishes a legal framework that attracts foreign investment to promote efficient and sustainable energy markets, and allows the development of secure and diversified sources of energy. This framework guarantees the commitment to observe principles of openness and non-discrimination in the energy market.

Energy Investment
Promotion of foreign investment in member countries by protecting investors against the most important political risks in the host country. Granting of non-discriminatory treatment.

Trade and Transit
Trade in energy, energy products & energy related equipment based on WTO rules. Obligation to facilitate energy transit on a non-discriminatory basis.

Energy Efficiency
The Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects (PEEREA) defines guidance and commitments concerning the development & implementation of energy efficiency programmes.

Freedom of Transit
Non-discriminatory treatment of all parties and actors in energy markets

Respect of the principle of state sovereignty over natural resources

The Treaty is a comprehensive multilateral agreement covering all aspects of energy cooperation, promoting openness of energy markets and security of energy supply, while establishing an international forum for energy-related issues.

Quick Facts:
- European Energy Charter, 17 December 1991
- 54 Members, 37 Observers
- Common Rules for Global Energy Security
The 5 Dimensions of the Energy Union Package

**Secure Energy for all Citizens**
Solidarity and Trust to be the basis for secure energy for every Member State and accessible to every citizen.

**Energy Market Integration**
Free flow of energy across borders and better energy deals for consumers: diversification, affordability, competitiveness.

**Improving Energy Efficiency**
Strong and competitive companies together with Member States to meet energy efficiency targets by 2030.

**Decarbonising Economy & Clean Energy**
Boosting the development of renewable sources of energy while cutting greenhouse gases for an environmentally friendly energy production.

**Innovation, Technology & Competitiveness**
Leading the next generation of renewable technologies as well as storage solutions for growth, competitiveness and job creation.

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A well-planned strategy, but what about the external dimension...?

**Energy Charter Treaty**
- Diversification of sources & routes of supply
- Legal platform & framework for common rules on external energy trade
- Other energy-relevant regions can contribute to Europe's energy security

**Energy Security**
- Increased energy demand to be met

**Investment**
- For energy exploration, generation & transportation
- For inefficient & obsolete infrastructure
- Collective responsibility for international energy security

**Global Energy Governance**
- External energy diplomacy & global engagement
- International energy cooperation
The International Energy Charter

- a non-legally binding declaration of political will
- interested countries to become part of the Energy Charter Process that provides for a multilateral set of rules for global energy governance
- international cooperation in the field of energy
- bring together energy producing, transiting and consuming countries
- the principles of the European Energy Charter of 1991 are reflected in the new text as well as the most topical energy challenges of 21st century
- includes issues like the growing weight of developing countries & energy sustainable development
- the text promotes mutually beneficial energy cooperation

**Interesting Facts**


The International Energy Charter will be in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish & Russian. It will also be translated in Arabic & Chinese, if States with these languages will sign.