Conference

The External Dimension of the Energy Union

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Programme

08.30 - 9.00	Coffee and Registration
09.00 - 9.15	**Welcome and Opening remarks** **Jean-Michel Glachant** | Director of the Florence School of Regulation/RSCAS/EUI and Holder of the Loyola de Palacio Chair **Vincenzo Schioppa Narrante** | Secretary General, European University Institute
09.15 - 10.00	**Keynote speech** **Maroš Šefčovič** | Vice-President for Energy Union, European Commission
10.00 - 10.30	**Global Challenges of the Gas Security of Supply** **Chair: Ilaria Conti** | Research and Policy Coordinator, Florence School of Regulation/RSCAS/EUI Low oil prices, increasing supply of natural gas, China's shrinking demand. Will this be a comfortable situation for European consumers in the long run? Which effects can we expect from the decreasing domestic gas production in Europe – will it make an impact on security of gas supply? How will the implementation of the COP21 Agreement impact gas demand and supply? And how will the need for security of supply evolve in a more and more connected, contested and complex world?

10.00 - 10.30	**Alexandros Yannis** | Senior Expert, Energy Diplomacy at the EEAS **Andrei Kortunov** | Director General, Russian International Affairs Council **Vincenzo Camporini** | Vice President Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) **Francesco Giunti** | Executive VP for Portfolio, Market & Risk Strategy, ENI
10.30 - 11.00	Open Discussion
11.00 - 11.30	**Coffee break**
11.30 - 12.00	**Internal Market Hostage or Saviour of the External Energy Policy** **Chair: Jean-Michel Glachant** | FSR/RSCAS/EUI A recent EU Commission Decision concerning intergovernmental agreements between Member States and third countries proposed changes to the way information is exchanged in the field of energy. Will these changes make an impact on the functioning of the internal market? What must be done to increase the penetration of LNG in the EU? What is the role of gas storage in the new global environment? **Hans van Steen** | Head of Unit – International Relations and Enlargement, DG Energy, European Commission **Walter Boltz** | Vice-President, ACER **Stephan Kamphues** | President, ENTSOG **Wim van't Hof** | Head of Unit – Gas Market, Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Netherlands
12.00 - 12.30	Open Discussion
12.30 - 14.00	**Lunch**
14.00 - 14.30	**Impact of the EU's External Energy Policy on the Neighbourhood and beyond** **Chair: Andris Piebalgs** | Senior Fellow, FSR/RSCAS/EUI and former EU Commissioner for Energy and Development What are the expectations of Energy Community and Energy Charter's countries? How to improve their security of supply? What is the role of gas transit countries? What can they expect from the EU? Which type of support is needed? **Janez Kopač** | Director, Energy Community Secretariat **Mehmet Ertürk** | Vice-President, EMRA Turkey **Dmytro Vovk** | Chairman, NEURC Ukraine **Ernesto Bonafé** | Trade Expert, Energy Charter
14.30 - 15.00	Open Discussion
15.00 - 15.15	**Conclusions**