

Residential Training

Specialised Training on the Regulation of Electricity Markets

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Introduction

For its first edition, the Specialised course on Electricity Markets will focus on the state of EU electricity market design, and engage participants in a deep-dive discussion around the role of long-term support schemes covering system needs, including adequacy, flexibility, and reliability.

The objective of this course is to provide participants with an understanding of the recent evolutions in the EU electricity Market and State Aid framework, and examine the challenges arising from the growing role of capacity mechanisms and flexibility support schemes.

The course will answer the following questions:

- What are the recent evolutions in the EU electricity market design?
- How to design support schemes? Main trade-offs and their impact on the deployment of new generation, storage, and demand-response capacities in Europe
- How to combine and coordinate the multitude of system needs when designing electricity markets?
- What can we learn from other jurisdictions (e.g., the US) that are also dealing with similar reliability and market design challenges?



Draft Programme

19 March **Day 1 - Developments in electricity market design in the EU & Deep dives into support mechanisms**

09.00 - 09.30 Welcome to the course

09.30 - 11.00 Electricity market design reform

Catharina Sikow-Magny | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

11.00 - 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 - 13.00 Capacity mechanisms and flexibility support schemes

Emma Menegatti | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

13.00 - 14.00 *Lunch*

14.00 - 15.30 Clean Industrial Deal State Aid Framework

Anna Colucci | European Commission, DG COMP

15.30 - 16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00 - 16.45 European Resource Adequacy Assessment, Security of Supply report

Daniel Ihasz-Toth | ACER

16.45 - 17.30 National case study: Belgium

Gilles Etienne | Elia

17.30 - 18.30 *Guided tour*

18.30 - 19.30 Welcome cocktail

20 March **Day 2 - Reliability challenges, International perspective & Collaborative workshop**

09.00 - 10.30 New operational challenges in low inertia systems – Markets vs requirements

Leonardo Meeus | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

Emma Menegatti | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

Tomas Reilly | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

10.30 - 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 - 12.30 Capacity markets design: insights from the US

James Bushnell | UC Davis

12.30 - 13.30 *Lunch*

13.30 - 15.00 *Collaborative workshop*

Round 1 – Capacity Mechanisms; State Aid Framework

15.00 - 15.30 *Coffee break*

15.30 - 17.00 *Collaborative workshop*

Round 2 – Flexibility support schemes; Reliability

17.00 - 17.15 Wrap-up and Q&A