Blended Training Course

Energy Regulation Academy | State Aid

11 January - 1 February 2027

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Introduction

State aid has long played an important role in shaping the EU's energy transition. However, policy developments seeking to link decarbonisation more closely with energy security and industrial competitiveness, as well as the acclimatisation by investors and lenders to state-backed contracts, have led to significant growth in energy-related aid. Navigating the State aid notification procedure and its exemptions in an effective manner requires a strong command of the fundamentals of EU State aid control and an appreciation of how current legislative and policy changes impact the application of State aid rules in the energy sector.

This course, offered by the Energy Regulation Academy (EnRA), is designed to equip participants with the necessary applied knowledge of State aid rules and procedures in the energy sector. Participants will learn from leading experts and practitioners how the State aid process works and how it applies to key regulatory and policy tools being deployed to ensure secure, sustainable and affordable energy supplies in the European Union. The programme places strong emphasis on practical application and peer exchange. Participants will engage with real-world case studies, discuss implementation challenges with experts, and collaborate with peers and national practitioners during interactive workshops.

For this training, there will be two cohorts of participants. While both cohorts will complete the identical curriculum across the three days, the sequence of modules will be staggered by group.

This course is delivered within the framework of the Energy Regulation Academy (EnRA)
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Programme

11 January **Online module | Introduction**

10:00 - 11:00 Introduction to the course (overview and practicalities).

Max Münchmeyer | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI
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11-15 January *Explore the materials on the course platform and complete the activities.*

15 January **Online module | Live sessions**

10:30 - 12:00 The State aid process

Matt Wieckowski | DG COMP, European Commission
Nicola Pesaresi | DG COMP, European Commission
TBC | DG ENER, European Commission

12:00 - 14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 - 14:45 The perspective of national regulators on State aid control

TBC | CEER

14:45 - 15:30 State aid

TBC | ACER

20 January **Residential module | Day 1: CfDs and PPAs**

09:00 - 09:30 Introduction to the course.

TBC | TBC

9:30 - 11:00 Contracts for difference (Part 1)

Matt Wieckowski | European Commission
Nicola Pesaresi | European Commission

11:00 - 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 - 13:00 Contracts for difference (Part 2)

Christopher Jones | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

13:00 - 14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 15:30 Main components of ECJ case law on Power Purchase Agreements (Part 1)

Adrien de Hauteclocque | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI
Leigh Hancher | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

15:30 - 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 - 17:30 Main components of ECJ case law on Power Purchase Agreements (Part 2)

Adrien de Hauteclocque | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI

	Leigh Hancher | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI
21 January	**Residential module | Day 2: CMs and Regulatory exemptions**
09:00 - 10:30	Tariffs for large industrial users and preferential access to gas and electricity networks **Leigh Hancher** | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI
10:30 - 11:00	*Coffee break*
11:00 - 12:30	Security of supply objectives, capacity mechanism types and market impacts **Matt Wieckowski** | European Commission **Nicola Pesaresi** | European Commission
12:30 - 13:30	*Lunch break*
13:30 - 15:00	Evolution of EU State aid control over capacity mechanisms; Development of Commission guidelines and Commission decisions; Established approaches, settled practices and likely future developments **Kaisa Huhta** | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI
15:00 - 15:30	*Coffee break*
15:30 - 17:00	Other security of supply measures (rules and case practice) and specific design questions **Matt Wieckowski** | European Commission **Nicola Pesaresi** | European Commission
22 January	**Residential module | Day 3: Peer-to-peer sessions**
09:00 - 09:35	Introduction to collaborative workshop.
09:30 - 11:00	Collaborative workshop – CfDs and PPAs
11:00 - 11:30	*Coffee break*
11:30 - 13:00	Collaborative workshop – Regulatory exemptions and CMs
13:00 - 14:00	*Lunch*
14:00 - 15:00	Collaborative workshop – Consolidate knowledge
15:00 - 15:15	Closing remarks and wrap-up **Max Münchmeyer**| Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI **Aliénor Cameron** | Florence School of Regulation, RSCAS, EUI
1 February	**Online module | Closing session**
10:00 - 11:30	Collaborative workshop follow-up session. **TBC** | TBC
11:30 - 12:00	Closing remarks and wrap-up. **TBC** | TBC