





energy workshop



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Outline

1. So what's “energy union” then?
2. Is EU “governance” anything new?
3. How are (our) progressive objectives to be realised?

1. So what's "energy union" then?

- Not one thing but many things: 43 initiatives over 5-year mandate (2014-19)
 - *includes climate, transport though not air pollution*
 - *competition (state aids, antitrust, mergers) should be explicit sixth "dimension"*
 - *a slogan? a repackaging of existing frameworks?*
- Main triggers in 2014: Paris (UNFCCC) and Moscow (Crimea &c.)
 - *Paris: outcome recognised urgency global crisis e.g. 1.5°C, regular reviews*
 - *Moscow: today (i.a.) all fossil fuel markets over-supplied; weakens Kremlin leverage*
 - *as well as: flat economy, falling demand, efficiency and renewables gains, warm weather*
- Going forward, rule-changes matter most
 - *EC aims almost all amending legislation tabled by end 2016*
- 'Brexit' / UK tensions: are present; still to be resolved (after 23/6)
- General context: e.g. refugee crisis shapes Tusk EUCO priorities



2. Is EU “governance” anything new?

- Barroso, Jan 2014: “We’ll introduce a new governance system.”
 - *since then often endorsed, but never so far defined*
 - *at time, given internal tensions between EC services, a rushed compromise*
 - *then in February 2014: Russian-Ukraine crisis*
- Is “new” governance possible when governance already defined in treaties?
 - TEU Art 5: conferral, proportionality, subsidiarity
 - TEU Art 13: consistent, continuing, effective institutional framework
 - TEU Art 4 & TFEU Art 4: shared competences, inc environment and energy
- Is full harmonisation possible? If not, then how much is desirable?
- Streamlining: scope? criteria?
 - ? VP Šefčovič, May 2015: “200 obligations into a single instrument”
 - ? RES, EE, trading, transparency, fair competition, nuclear, solidarity,



3. How are (our) progressive objectives to be realised?

- Don't overlook 2020 20-20-20 objectives
- 2030 framework agreed in EU CO in 2014:
 - at least 40% GHG reductions, binding, domestic
 - at least 27% renewables share, binding
 - at least 27% energy savings
 - electricity interconnections, 10% by 2020, 15% by 2030
- How? By legislating in the normal way!
 - organising to support majorities in all 3 houses
- GOVERNANCE = POLITICS + LAW
 - Law = treaties + legislation + enforcement

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European policy like Mount Fuji: Institutions responsible for white bits; countries, companies & citizens the rest.



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