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the long-term implications of the war in Ukraine

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Expert Roundtable

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Avenue des Arts 46, Brussels

CONTEXT

Russia's aggression against Ukraine is a game-changer on many levels. One of the most visible and impactful consequences of the war is occurring in the domain of energy. The disruption of the flow of hydrocarbons from Russia has put Europe in a situation where the continent is faced with the double challenge of maintaining energy security while also living up to its commitments to address the climate crisis. The – sometimes novel and unorthodox – measures and policies that are being adopted in this context are likely to have long-term repercussions that are not limited to the energy field. Amongst others, political and economic changes linked to energy could lead to major shifts in international trade, geopolitics and global efforts to address climate change. To better understand the connection between short-term crisis responses and long-term implications across various policy domains, this FEPS workshop is adopting a foresight approach. Participants are asked to reflect on key questions over a 10 years' time-horizon with a focus on elements of continuity and discontinuity, possible emerging trends, main uncertainties, potential wild cards, as well as implications for the EU. The workshop's proceedings will inform a report aiming to help policymakers identify the long-term implications of the war in Ukraine and adopt a strategic approach to the current challenges.

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AGENDA

12:30-13:30 LIGHT LUNCH

13:30-13:40 WELCOMING REMARKS

- **László Andor**, Secretary-General at FEPS (13:30-13:35)
- **Claudia Detsch**, Director at Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Climate and Social Justice (13:35-13:40)

13:40-13:50 INTRODUCTION TO THE FORESIGHT APPROACH

Giovanni Grevi, Special Advisor to the Foresight Project and Senior Fellow, CSDS, Brussels School of Governance

13:50-15:20 SESSION ONE

THE IMPACT OF THE WAR ON JUST AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TRANSITIONS, IN EUROPE AND BEYOND

Key questions: whether the war is likely to accelerate sustainable energy development or slow it down; how the conflict affects the policies, priorities and emissions targets envisaged by the EU and other major economies; what implications it has for energy affordability in Europe; how the war affects the viability of different technologies for energy sourcing and storage and how the composition of the industrial structure might change as a consequence; what impacts the EU's responses to the war will have on transitions in the Global South and for wider European climate change relations.

Presentations by:

- **Caroline Kuzemko**, Reader in International Political Economy at University of Warwick (13:50-14:10)

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- **Thomas Pellerin-Carlin**, Director of the Jacques Delors Energy Centre & Senior Research Fellow, European Energy Policy (14:10-14:30)

Q&A and interactions with all participants

Moderator: **David Rinaldi**, Director of Studies and Policy at FEPS and Lecturer at the Institute for European Studies, Université Libre de Bruxelles

15:20-15:30 COFFEE BREAK

15:30-17:00 SESSION TWO

THE IMPACT OF THE WAR ON ENERGY GEOECONOMICS AND GEOPOLITICS

Key questions: how the war is redefining energy geopolitics and energy security; what new challenges and opportunities arise for major energy producers and consumers; what new dependencies and supply chain risks emerge as the energy transition unfolds; how the war and the resulting energy transition will affect the use of energy as a 'weapon' in the future; how the war might impact international cooperation and partnerships on energy and climate; whether the war will shift the relationship between public authorities and markets in the domain of energy and how.

Presentations by:

- **Michal Meidan**, Director of Gas Research Programme & Director of China Energy Programme at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (15:30-15:50)
- **Maria Pastukhova**, Senior Policy Advisor at E3G (joining remotely) (15:50-16:10)

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17:00-17:15 CLOSING REMARKS by

- **László Andor**, Secretary-General at FEPS

17:15-18:00 INFORMAL RECEPTION