

‘Making the Energy Transition a European Success’

Publication of Jacques Delors Institute’s new report and roundtable discussion

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Venue: Representation of the European Commission in Hungary
1024 Budapest, Lövvőház u. 35.

In 2010, Jacques Delors and Jerzy Buzek proposed a “European Energy Community” to strengthen the political, economic, environmental and social sustainability of European integration. Under the name “Energy Union” this idea became in 2015 the catalyst for the holistic approach to the **energy transition**. The energy transition has already started in Europe and its strength lies in the drive of millions of citizens, consumers, local representatives, researchers, innovators, entrepreneurs and workers who make the energy transition a reality.

The new report of the Jacques Delors Institute clearly sets out four objectives which could contribute to the success of the Energy Union, and in turn restore trust between Europe and Europeans. Firstly, democracy must be at the heart of the Energy Union’s governance. This involves mechanisms for more direct participation of citizens, local representatives and civil society in the major choices which shape national and European energy strategies. Secondly, Europe must implement a genuine innovation driven industrial policy to turn our companies into the world leaders in their field in clean energy. Thirdly, public and private investment arbitrations must be fully in line with the energy transition’s objectives. Fourthly, the Energy Union must serve a just and fair energy transition via a “Social Pact for the Energy Transition” which strives to create jobs for our young people and to eradicate energy poverty.

The aim of the event is the presentation of the main results of the report by the distinguished authors themselves and discuss some of the most original findings with all interested parties.

Agenda:

- 9.30-10.00 Registration
- 10.00-10.10 Opening by *Gábor Zupkó, Head of the European Commission Representation in Hungary*
- 10.10-10.30 Introduction of the Energy Transition Report
Jean-Arnold Vinois, Adviser, European Energy Policy at the Jacques Delors Institute and Honorary Director of the European Commission
- 10.30-10.45 *Tamás Jászay, Business Development Director, ELMŰ-ÉMÁSZ (part of innogy): Changing consumer behavior from a modern energy company perspective*
- 10.45-12.00 Roundtable Discussion on the results of the Transition Report
Chair: *Péter Kaderják, Director, REKK*
Participants:
Thomas Pellerin-Carlin, Research Fellow, European Energy Policy, Jacques Delors Institute
Jean-Arnold Vinois, Adviser, Jacques Delors Institute
Tamás Jászay, Business Development Director, ELMŰ-ÉMÁSZ (part of innogy)

Participation is free, but is based on registration. Please register at: rekk.org/events

Hard copies of the report will be available for free on the day of the event. The report can also be downloaded at: <http://www.delorsinstitute.eu/011-25553-Making-the-Transition-of-Energy-a-European-Success.html>