

THESEUS Summer School 2007
“Energy Policy and Climate Change – Global Challenges, European Answers”
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Report

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I. Aims

The THESEUS Summer Schools try to bring together young excellent European professionals and researchers to exchange views and analysis on future European challenges. The aim of the summer schools is to enhance interdisciplinary understanding and co-operation among different society actors throughout Europe. Within this framework - and according to the vocation of THESEUS - the summer schools present furthermore a special Franco-German focus on each year's topic to discuss and explore the role and future of the Franco-German relationship.

II. Target Groups (see ANNEX I)

The summer school aimed at participants dealing in their professional or academic life with European Union affairs and/or energy policy and climate change. The professions targeted particularly were administration, politics, business and media. The organisers favoured a balanced mix of national, cultural and professional backgrounds, with a slight Franco-German emphasis.

III. Programme Content (see ANNEX II)

The summer school tried to shed light on the complexity of the problems underlying the debate on energy policy and climate change. Both topics raised questions ranging from economics and geopolitics to environmental policy. The summer school applied both an analytical and a normative approach, inviting experts from the research community as well as international organisations, business, politics and NGOs.

The daily topics during the week were

- State of the debate: assessments and political perspectives
- Economics of energy policy
- External relations and energy politics
- Sustainable development – global environmental governance?
- A common European energy policy?

The main morning and afternoon lectures were accompanied by different modules:

a) ‘State of the Union’

Sessions analysing the state of the politics and institutions of the European Union with special regard to the question of energy policy and climate change.

b) ‘Unity in diversity: France and Germany in the European Union’

Sessions analysing the respective French and German perspectives on the topic and the Franco-German couple’s potential role.

c) Working groups

Sessions designed to give the students the possibility to bring in their own expertise and opinion on the subject and to get to know the difficulties of a compromise situation.

Before the start of the summer school the students had been divided in to two working groups according to their background and expertise. The students had equally been asked to send in material potentially interesting to all participants. The working groups’ functioning was presented to them during an introductory session the first day. The objective of each working group was to draft a declaration on energy policy and climate change and to come up with a common declaration at the end of the summer school.

Lunch and dinner speeches added furthermore a different perspective or insight from an expert or professional to each day’s overall topic, providing the forum for a relaxed and personal discussion with the speaker.

The summer school closed with a panel featuring professionals from the energy sector and researchers, trying to sum up the questions raised during the week and debating the declaration produced by the students.

IV. Staff

The project manager was present during the event to secure the smooth sequence of lectures and discussions.

The working groups were prepared and led by a second researcher from the University of Cologne and the project manager. The students could refer to both during week in case of difficulties and questions.

A member of staff of TEPESA as well as the student researcher working for THESEUS assured part time the organisational back-up.

V. Evaluation (See ANNEX III)

The students filled in an anonymous evaluation form. They had furthermore the possibility to give their opinion during an open discussion in presence of the two working group leaders, starting with a 'tour de table'.

Main points raised were the "packed" programme and the documentation beforehand. The students suggested to have as a general rule either lunch or dinner speech, not both on the same day. Several students evoked the possibility of giving more time to the working groups. Concerning documentation some suggested an early exchange of documentation, in order to prepare the working groups already before the summer school starts.

Altogether the evaluation was positive. The students pointed out the high quality of the speakers. They appreciated the arrangement of the speakers with varying - and sometimes contradicting - points of view. They stressed that the working groups' atmosphere had been good. The participants found the debates and discussions amongst each other and with the lecturers enriching and constructive for their own work back home. The variety of backgrounds of the participants was overall judged very positive.

Most students expressed the wish to have next year a summer school on the same subject – their area of expertise – and expressed the wish to suggest potential participants and speakers.

All of them would recommend attending a THESEUS summer school to others.

ANNEX I
PARTICIPANTS

1.	Name	Function
2.	Checchi, Arianna	PhD Student; Political Sciences, University of Florence
3.	Ciszewska, Monika	Press Officer, Council of the European Union
4.	Cornett, Lars Friis	Head of section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark
5.	Curtin, Joseph	Energy Policy Researcher, Institute of European Affairs, Dublin
6.	Faure, Sébastien	Student, Master in European Business, ESCP, Paris
7.	Fistravec, Tina	EU Adviser, Directorate for Energy , Slovenian Ministry of the Economy
8.	Glienke, Nele	Assistant researcher, Fraunhofer Institute Systems and Innovation Research, Karlsruhe
9.	Hurry, Jovin	Intern, Directorate General of Research, European Commission
10.	Kolotouchkina, Irina	PhD student, CERI, Sciences Po Paris
11.	Lecomte, Grégory	Student, Master, Institut d'Etudes Politiques « Sciences Po » ; ESSEC
12.	Lucau, Mala	Biologist, Master Green Politics; Ernst-Moritz.Arndt-University Greifswald
13.	Marmorat, Marion	PhD, Political Sciences, specialisation in International Relations, Sciences Po Paris
14.	Prys, Miriam	PhD Student, International Relations, University of Oxford
15.	Róbel, Gábor	Junior Researcher, Institute of World Economics, Budapest
16.	Sander, Michael	PhD Student, Political Sciences; University of Trier
17.	Schenner, Elisa	Research Fellow, European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht
18.	Soumagnac, Sivane	Environmental Engineering Engineer, Ecole des Mines, Sciences Po Paris
19.	Monique Surette	PhD Student, Plant Molecular Virology, University of Cambridge
20.	Pavel Zastera	Master of International Affairs (International Economic Policy), Sciences Po Paris

ANNEX II OVERVIEW PROGRAMME

Sunday, 1 July 2007

Introductory session Working Groups (Thomas Traguth, Anja Thomas)

Guided tour “Horta and his contemporaries”

Opening Session (Christian Franck, Institut d'études européennes, Université catholique de Louvain)

Monday, 2 July 2007

Panel: EU spring and G8 summits on energy policy and climate change - new policy priorities? (Chair and introduction: Wolfgang Wessels, Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science, University of Cologne; Daniel Göler, Institut für Europäische Politik; Lars Müller, DG Environment, European Commission)

Working groups

Luncheon debate: Brussels European Council 21/22 June 2007: analysis and comment (Philippe de Schoutheete, former Permanent Representative of Belgium to the European Union)

TEPSA Friends conference: France's European Policy

Fritz Thyssen Foundation: its activities and areas of support (Markus Stanat, Fritz Thyssen Foundation)

Tuesday, 3 July 2007

The economics of energy policy (Marc Oliver Bettzüge, Institute for Energy Economics, University of Cologne)

Working groups

Global energy challenges (Richard Bradley, International Energy Agency)

Working groups

Unity in diversity? France and Germany in the European Union : Dinner speech: Environmental movements in France and Germany: similarities, differences, new trends? (Jo Leinen, MEP, European Parliament)

Wednesday, 4 July 2007

External relations and energy: assessment and perspectives (Frank Umbach, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswaertige Politik)

Working groups

Luncheon debate: European energy policy seen from the outside: Russia (Petr Plikhin, Mission of the Russian Federation to the EU)

Europe's relationship with Russia and the security of energy supply (Andrew Monaghan, Nato Defense College)

Working groups

State of the Union: Dinner Speech: The EU as global actor? (Graham Avery, Trans European Policy Studies Association)

Thursday, 5 July 2007

Sustainable development – global environmental governance? (Corinne Lepage, Former French Minister for the Environment) *cancelled*

Working groups

Sustainable energy supply (Peter Hennicke, Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy)

Working groups

North Rhine-Westfalia and energy policy (Bernd Knop, EU-Representation of North Rhine-Westfalia, Brussels)

Friday, 6 July 2007

Commission Initiative on EU energy policy (Heinz Hilbrecht, Directorate-General Energy and Transport, European Commission)

Climate change: an institutional challenge? (Claude Henry, Sciences Po Paris and Columbia University)

Luncheon Debate: Lobbying against Climate Change (Karim Harris, Climate Action Network Europe)

Working groups

Unity in diversity? / State of the Union: Panel: A common European energy policy – Opportunities and limits? (Chair: Wolfgang Wessels, University of Cologne; Christian Egenhofer, Centre for European Policy Studies, Emmanuel Sellier, EDF; Joachim Balke, E.ON)

Presentation of the “THESEUS declaration on energy policy and climate change” by students

Saturday, 7 July 2007

Breakfast and evaluation

ANNEX III EVALUATION

