

Brexit and Why It Matters for Decarbonisation

Tuesday 12 – Wednesday 13 January | 9:00-10:30am GMT | Zoom Roundtable

Day 1: Tuesday 12 January

9:00am – 9:45am | Panel 1: Outside of the EU – Institutions, politics and what happens next?

Despite, or because of, years of political debate, there is still considerable uncertainty on what Brexit will mean for the functioning of different sectors. With the ending of the transition period and the UK finally, fully leaving the EU, this panel will discuss what we know and what we don't know about the UK's relationship with the EU and the legal and institutional implications for networked industries.

Speakers:

- Georgina Wright, Institut Montaigne
- Amelia Hadfield, University of Surrey

Chair: Michael Bradshaw, University of Warwick

9:45am – 10:30am | Panel 2: The UK's oil and gas sectors and decarbonising outside the EU

The UK is dependent on energy imports, 35% of net energy, the majority of which comes from or through the EU. While oil is traded on global markets, the UK is dependent on gas which flows through pipes from continental Europe, which is controlled by the EU's market rules. This panel will discuss the short-term supply implications and how Brexit might affect future demand and decarbonisation objectives.

Speakers:

- Chris Logue, National Grid
- Will Webster, Oil and Gas Association UK

Chair: Michael Bradshaw, University of Warwick

Day 2: Wednesday 13 January**9:00am – 9:45am | Panel 3: Remaining connected – the UK’s power sector**

The UK is leaving the EU's Internal Energy Market and while trading will continue through electricity interconnectors it will not be done as efficiently as is currently the case. While this may have a short-term impact on price, the longer term and potentially more significant implications are less interconnection volume and less system flexibility. This panel will discuss the decarbonisation of power supply and the extent to which the electrification of the wider energy sector may be affected by Brexit.

Speakers:

- Silke Goldberg, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP
- Séverine Turgis, Energy UK

Chair: Rob Gross, UK Energy Research Centre

9:45am – 10:30am | Panel 4: UK carbon prices

The UK will leave the European Emissions Trading System (ETS) and establish a domestic system, which it hopes might eventually link to the European or another international system. This panel will discuss the future of carbon pricing in the UK and the establishment of a domestic trading system and how this might affect decarbonisation.

Speakers:

- Adam Berman, International Emissions Trading Association
- Antony Froggatt, Chatham House

Chair: Caroline Kuzemko, University of Warwick