

Vienna Forum on European Energy Law

26 February 2026

1. **Welcome:** Marie-Therese Richter-Kuhnert, Deputy Director of the Energy Community Secretariat (9.45 am to 10.00 am)

2. **Keynote:**

Günther H. Oettinger, former member and Vice-President of the European Commission

“The interplay between geopolitics and energy security of supply in the European Union and the Energy Community region”

(10.00 am to 10.30 am)

3. **Panel 1: "After Russian Gas: Legal Pathways, Risks, and Enforcement in the EU & Energy Community"** (10.30 am till 12 noon)

"The EU's target to fully eliminate dependence on Russian gas by 2027 has major ramifications for long-term contracts, supply diversification, transit arrangements and the role of LNG. This raises complex legal and commercial questions."

Content:

- EU sanctions against Russia
- Implication on the European and Energy Community energy market
- Ending the dependence on Russian gas: importance of robust dispute resolution mechanisms and strategies
- Practical aspects: verification of origin, traceability

Moderator: **Olena Kuchynska, Kinstellar**

Speakers:

- **Aadne Haga**, Partner at Wikborg Rein
- **Ielyzaveta Badanova**, Energy regulation expert, Senior Lecturer at National University Kyiv Mohyla Academy
- **Olivia Allison**, Senior advisor at PRISM Strategic Intelligence
- **Olga Bielkova**, Senior advisor at FTI Consulting

4. **Lunch Break** (12 noon till 1 pm)

5. **Panel 2: "Regulating Innovation – Legal and regulatory challenges for renewable gas projects"** (1 pm till 2.30 pm)

"Innovation is moving fast, but regulation is not always keeping pace: the EU framework is still under construction, and fragmented national implementation and permitting systems are not designed to support renewable gas ambitions."

Content:

- Overall EU and Energy Community framework
- Infrastructure and network access
- Permitting

Moderator: **Harald Strahberger, Kinstellar**

Speakers

- **Carola Millgramm**, Head of Gas Department at E-Control Austria
- **Bernhard Painz**, Executive Board Member at AGGM
- **Katalin Barkasziné-Takács**, Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs, Chief Legal Officer at FGSZ Zrt.

6. **Coffee break** (2.30 till 3 pm)

7. **Panel 3: "From Stability to Volatility: Energy Transition as a Dispute Generator"**
(3 pm till 4.30 pm)

"The energy transition is forcing legal disciplines to answer the same question: how much instability can the law tolerate in the name of transformation?"

Content:

- Regulatory change no longer the exception
- Increase of retroactive market interventions
- Weighing climate necessity against investor certainty

Moderator: **Smaranda Miron, Energy Community Secretariat**

Speakers

- **Moritz Keller**, partner at Clifford Chance
- **Veronika Korom**, partner at Paragon Advocacy
- **David Sandberg**, partner at Mannheimer Swartling

8. **Drinks Reception** (4.30 pm till 6.00 pm)