

# Energy, Democracy and Development: the case of the Middle East and North Africa

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## AGENDA

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09.30 – 10.00 Registration

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10.00 – 10.15 **Words of welcome and Introduction**

- **Richard Youngs**, Director, Democratisation, FRIDE, Spain

*An outline of the project and presentation of the findings of a FRIDE Working Paper written for the seminar: the aim to examine the links between European policies on development cooperation, energy security and the promotion of good governance.*

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10.15 – 11.45 **EU Energy Cooperation in the Middle East and North Africa**

Chair:

- **Richard Youngs**, Director, Democratisation, FRIDE Spain

Panellists:

- **HE Bernard Savage**, Former Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, DG for External Relations, European Commission, Belgium
- **Haizam Amirah Fernandez**, Senior Analyst, Mediterranean and the Arab World, Real Instituto Elcano, Spain

*The opening plenary will aim to provide an overview of EU energy cooperation in Middle East and North Africa. The panellists will also comment on the recommendations of the FRIDE Working Paper.*

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11.45 – 12.15 Refreshments

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12.15 – 13.45 **Energy and Governance in the Middle East and North Africa**

Chair:

- **Paul Isbell**, Director, Energy Programme, Real Instituto Elcano, Spain

Panellists:

- **Fred Halliday**, Visiting Scholar, Barcelona Research and Documentation Centre, CIDOB, Spain
- **Yahia Said**, Middle East and North Africa Director, Revenue Watch Institute, UK

*The Middle East and North Africa are of vital importance to the energy*



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*security of the EU. How are recent energy trends affecting support for democratisation and improved governance in the region and how should the EU differentiate its approach to energy producers and consumers in the region?*

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13.45 – 14.45 Lunch

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14.45 – 16.15 **Case Studies: Algeria and Egypt**

Chair:

- **Kristina Kausch**, Researcher, Democratisation, FRIDE, Spain

Panellists:

- **Gonzalo Escribano**, Professor of Applied Economics, UNED, Spain
- **Gehad Auda**, Head, Department of Political Science, Helwan University, Egypt

Discussant:

- **Alejandro Lorca**, Department of Economics, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain

*A case study examination of how the complex relationship between development and energy security objectives translates into policy implications for the EU's relations with Algeria and Egypt.*

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16.15 – 16.30 Refreshments

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16.30 – 18.00 **Policy Implications: How to make European Energy Policies more Development-sensitive**

Chair:

- **Richard Youngs**, Director, Democratisation, FRIDE, Spain

Panel:

- **Abdullah Baabood**, Centre for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, Cambridge University, UK
- **Brendan Devlin**, Policy Coordinator, DG for Energy and Transport, European Commission, Belgium

Discussant:

- **Iván Martín**, Associate Researcher, Instituto Complutense de Estudios Internacionales, Spain

*Drawing on the day's discussions, this session will suggest practical ways in which the EU can better meet its commitment to ensure that development, energy security and democracy promotion are pursued as mutually-enhancing policy objectives.*

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21.00 – Dinner at restaurant Cenador del Prado, Calle Prado 4

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