



REPORT FORM FOR NETWORK ACTIVITIES

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Director, Energy Analysis Group (hereafter EAG)
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2. Activity details

Type and title of activity

Thematic Workshop on European Energy Politics
Title: Europe and Beyond: Developments and Dilemmas

Location

Palais d'Egmont, Brussels

Date

From: 20th September 2007 To: 21st September 2007

Brief Description of activities carried out (please include or attach a confirmed list of participants)

The main activity revolved around the two-day conference on European energy issues, entitled *Europe and Beyond: Developments and Dilemmas*. Taking place at the Palais d'Egmont in Brussels, the conference began in the afternoon of Thursday, 20th September, with a welcome given by Philippe de Schoutheete, Director European Affairs, EGMONT and Amelia Hadfield, Director of EAG. Both commented publicly on the viable nature of this CEELBAS-sponsored activity, commending the concept of inter-disciplinary research groups as a catalyst to relevant and innovative research by British academics.

Each speaker had been contacted prior to the event, given a brief that allowed them to speak in complimentary manner to other speakers, rather than reproducing the same information. Each speaker also commented on the central issues within his or her area as a potential research agenda for British academics to pursue in their subsequent research. This approach worked particularly well for the panels on Day One, which comprised a heavy geopolitical element, reflecting the critical mass of research questions currently under consideration by the majority of energy academics. In addition, the quality of the speakers was exceptionally high.

Those on Day One included policy practitioners who were able to comment on the conceptual and practical aspects of European energy issues, including His Excellency Ambassador Lukov, Christian Cleutinx from the European Commission, Leif Ervik formerly of the Energy Charter Secretariat, Thomas Smitham of the US Embassy in Brussels, and Peter Johnstone from the Department of Defence, Canada. These practical views were very well complimented by the perspectives of academics currently at work in the field of energy matters – specifically energy security. Professor Graham Timmins from Sterling laid out the foreign policy groundwork necessary to conceptualise energy issues. Dr Tatiana Romanova and Professor Kari Liuhto gave the conference insights into academic research on energy issues, whilst the research undertaken in think tanks was provided by Jan-Hein Christoffels of Clingendael and John Mitchell of Chatham House.

The evening was an enjoyable and fruitful occasion at the *Tour d'y voir* Restaurant, during which the academics, policy-makers and analysts had an excellent opportunity to socialise, network, exchange perspectives, and create relationships for future research.

Day Two moved from the themes of geopolitics to the more detailed, less well-known but vitally important aspects of energy efficiency, security of supply, renewables, sustainable development, as well as competition, regulation and investment. With the exception of sustainable development, less research is being done in these areas from the academic side, and it was crucial that invitees had the opportunity to hear the salient issues, and get a sense of what a decent research question would comprise. Questions on precisely this issue were repeatedly thrown at the presenters, which showed nicely the ability of the conference – and the EAG in its future activities – to be able to stimulate precisely this marriage of theory and practice. Speakers here again comprised a mixture of academics, practitioners and analysts (see programme), with John Vogler of the University of Keele and Dr Tom Vanden Borre giving a particularly clear account of the potential for energy research within the British and European university structures.

Day Two concluded with a lunch attended by the academic presenters at the conference, in an effort to do a brief post mortem of the event, plan for the next one, and analyse the ability of the EAG to act as a network for British academic research on energy issues.

3. Achievement of stated aims and objectives

Please summarise how the stated aims and objectives of the activities proposed have been achieved and how these have helped to further the aims and objectives of CEELBAS.

The overarching objective was to permanently establish a multi-disciplinary group of British academics to meet regularly in order to present their research on European energy security, discuss research methods, network with area specialists, and discuss innovation in teaching methods.

The specific objectives of the Brussels Roundtable were twofold, and it was visibly successful in both. First, to strengthen and enhance the visibility of the EAG as a viable research network in British HEIs, supporting those academics researching, writing and teaching on European Energy Politics. The Roundtable was comprehensively advertised to CEELBAS and non-CEELBAS institutions with academics researching various facets of energy. Many indicated real interest in the EAG's aims, and supported the idea of Roundtables as a method to extend the network beyond academia into the world of analysts, practitioners, policy-makers and industry. The attendance was good in general, although a number of 'CEELBAS individuals' who had originally committed to attend were ultimately not able to. Collectively however, based on feedback during and after the Roundtable, it is evident that the EAG filled a large need to pinpoint both the individuals, and the research questions comprising 'energy issues'.

Following the objectives established by CEELBAS itself, the Roundtable allowed attendant academics to draw out the obvious research synergies between themselves and the myriad levels, actors and sectors of energy expertise in Europe. Again: the achieved aim of the EAG's Roundtable reflected a central CEELBAS aim: to establish links with individuals in other institutions who have presently the greatest experience of researching on Central and Eastern European themes in order to 'produce a sizeable cadre' of academics and postgraduates specialising in European energy politics. We have an excellent idea of the composition of this cadre – and its key research orientations. The next step is to increase the size of the EAG by linking more and more British academics researching on key energy issues, particularly those in CEELBAS institutions.

It is vitally important that British academics become aware of the EAG's inhouse activities in the University of Kent, and its networking activities like the Brussels roundtable, which serves as a platform for academics to present their research, discover new research questions, meet key people in the energy sector, and overall widen their expertise in dealing with energy issues. Various events are already planned in this respect, including in-house workshops, contact events at other universities, and the second annual Roundtable. If funding could be reserved for these activities from the unspent funds in this present batch, this would greatly enhance their likely quality.

Second, the EAG Roundtable made plain that research, rather than teaching, currently dominates in British academia. It was agreed that research-led teaching appears to be the best way to link academics and students, and that the EAG should continue with its plan to visit academics around the country – and their students – to disseminate the need to study energy collectively, not in isolation. The Roundtable showed some evidence that teaching and learning on energy issues is occurring, but that the potential has not been truly tapped yet. The concept of the Postgraduate EAG (PEAG) was met with huge approval as a forum in which to take forward these aims, and develop both the lecturing and supervisory capacities of academics, and the research, writing and possibly internship capacities of students. As a litmus test on this pedagogic element, the EAG has accepted that research-based teaching, and indeed more rigorous training in the area-based research methods of energy research are necessary. Again, a number of postgrad workshops are planned for 2008.

4. Outcomes

Please indicate the outcomes and 'value for money' of activities carried out.

The EAG Brussels Roundtable enabled the following outcomes:

Consolidation of the EAG as a permanent, multi-disciplinary, an available conduit for academics. The further establishment of a well-defined cadre of British-based researchers and area specialists working on energy issues, who were brought together in Brussels to consolidate their research activities within the form of a loose network, and to realise more fully their own relevant research agenda on European energy issues, allowing them to generate new streams of expertise, and enhance the teaching of energy studies.

The EAG can now move ahead, as an invaluable network of British-based energy experience to pursue relevant research, pursue relevant project funding, contribute to policy formation, clarify energy issues in the minds of national stakeholders, engage with European and international colleagues in pursuing geopolitical and functional aspects of European energy security. The EAG therefore operates as a 'home' - both virtual and practical - for British-based academics to discover colleagues researching on similar issues; as the only one of its kind at present, it offers an invaluable service in this respect.

A visibly raised profile of the EAG as a network of British academics; the drawing of significant attention to the research-based teaching needs underwriting current energy research. In particular, the attention of the European Commission, key diplomatic centres in Brussels, and major British and European think tanks.

A visibly raised profile for CEELBAS as an institutional sponsor dedicated to the furtherance of east-west research themes carried out by networked academics. CEELBAS was thanked publicly in the introductory remarks of Hadfield and de Schoutheete, the closing remarks by the Pro Vice Chancellor External at the University of Kent, Professor Alexandra Hughes, and its logo prominently displayed on the front of each of the conference packages distributed to each of the delegates, as well as all the signs, posters, flyers and web-based publicity used to advertise the event before, during and after the Roundtable.

The possibility to now link the EAG - as a host to energy researchers networked across the UK via Kent's EAG web link - to other research bodies. The first of these would be via COPURA, one of the EAG's Brussels-based sponsors, who has been approached by the European Parliament to create an online Security Issues Portal. Here, British academics would get the chance to upload some of their research in a domain where it would be read and accessed by policy makers and analysts. It would also give one or possibly two postgraduate students the chance to act as researchers on European energy issues by allowing them to act as 'web managers', sourcing key energy documents, contacts other academics, liaising with EU actors, etc.

Remaining funds: With regards to the value for money, a number of conference presenters commented in public and communicated to me subsequent to the event on the high quality organisation, high calibre value, and future potential of the EAG and EAG-hosted Roundtables, to the extent that four of our delegates waived the travel costs that had been budgeted into the original CEELBAS application (John Mitchell, Peter Johnstone, Jan-Hein Chrisstoffels and John Vogler). This was a pleasant but rather unexpected outcome.

The result is that due its high quality first effort, the project has a surplus in three categories. First, a surplus of £1233.35 under the section of Speaker's Costs, due to the reasons outlined above. Second, a surplus of £150 under the section Postgraduate Participation, because two of the CEELBAS graduates ultimately could not attend, and the third from the College of

Europe waived his expenses. Third, under the section of Printing and Publicity, a surplus of £49.67, thanks to in-house work at COPURA that helped to keep web and printing costs down.

Rather than see this money re-distributed elsewhere, the EAG would now like to request that the **total surplus** of £1283.36 remain as part of the total £5000 awarded to EAG for the September Roundtable, to help fund the following future activities, which have now been made possible as a direct result of the success of the Roundtable:

- Two postgraduate PEAG workshops to be held at the University of Kent, in February, June and September 2008
- One in-house EAG workshop, to be held at the University of Kent, in January 2008
- A possible second EAG Roundtable in the UK in Autumn 2008
- Expansion of the EAG website into a virtual portal to allow CEELBAS and non-CEELBAS individuals to network with each other in pursuance of their research needs and future projects

The EAG is only as good as the activities that it can offer its members, and a small surplus of £1471.14 would provide enormous assistance in getting research students, and full-time energy academics in British CEELBAS institutions together on a regular basis. These goals were also vocally supported by all participants at the Roundtable.

In sum, the September Roundtable was recognised by all participants during and after the event as a watershed in introducing British academics researching in similar areas of research to each other, and introducing the academic cadre itself to policy and practitioner expertise. As a lanchpad for future research activities, we believe that it did indeed provide – and will continue to provide - CEELBAS with real value for money.

5. Breakdown of total costs for workshops (please attach evidence of expenditure)

CEELBAS-Funded Energy Analysis Group Europe and Beyond: Developments and Dilemmas 'Energy Research Roundtable': 20-21 st September, 2007 Palais d'Egmont, Brussels	
DESCRIPTION	COST
1. Speakers Costs	
Travel	
- Finnair Flight: Helsinki-Brussels-Oslo-Helsinki	€358.85 = £254.78 ¹
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- Russian Train: St Petersburg-Helsinki-St Petersburg	1944.30 Russian Rubles x 2 = 3888.6 = £76.72 ²
Accommodation (3 nights)	€560 = £397.60
	Total: £729.10
Travel	
Flight: Edinburgh-Brussels (BMI)	£139.40
Brussels-Glasgow (Ryanair)	€48.78 = £34.63
Accommodation	€209.00 = £148.09
	Total: £322.12
Accommodation (2 nights)	€209 = £148.39
Travel	0 (waived his travel cost)
	Total: £148.39
Accommodation (1 night)	€185.00 = £131.35
Eurostar ticket: London Waterloo-Brussels-Waterloo	£127
	Total: £258.35
Accommodation (1 night)	€209.00 = £148.39
Travel: Canterbury-Ashford Rail Ticket	£9.20
Eurostar: Ashford-Brussels-Ashford	£134.00
	Total: £291.59
Accommodation (1 night)	€160 = £113.60
	Total: £113.60

¹ Based on an exchange rate of 0.7100, as per the Financial Times Currency Converter, 20-21st September, 2007.

² Based on an exchange rate of (0.01973)

Travel, Accommodation (2 nights) Subsistence	0 (both waived) €5.00 = £3.55
Accommodation Travel	€175.00 = £124.25 0 (waived his cost) Total: £124.25
(Travel expenses and third night charged to BSIS in respect of his role as PhD examiner)	€370 = £262.70 Total: £262.70
Travel: Taxi to Ashford International Ashford-Brussels Eurostar Roundtrip	£30.00 £119.00 Total: £149.00
Travel: Ashford-Brussels Eurostar Roundtrip Accommodation (1 night) Ashford International Car Park Fee Subsistence	£109.00 €209.00 = £148.39 £23.00 £3.85 Total: £284.24
Subtotal	£2686.65 (£3920 in original budget request) Surplus: £

2. Postgraduate participation	
Three postgraduates invited	
Travel Accommodation Subsistence	Ineligible Ineligible £0: the £150 was not spent, as two invited grads were unable to attend & the College of Europe grad waived his fees. Surplus: £150
3. Printing and publicity (including conference packs)	
50 A4 Conference Programme Front Covers & 2 EAG A2 Posters	€205.70 = £146.05
50 A4 Elasticated Plastic Multi-use folders	€171.11 = £121.48
Web designer cost for the EAG logo for folders, posters and web publicity (working lunch)	€46.50 = £33.02
COPURA (Raab and Gaal) preparation lunch meeting with Amelia Hadfield (29 August, Brussels)	€36.50 = £25.92

COPURA Staff Costs: Organisation & assistance for EAG In-house conference material prints & copies	€200.00 = £142 €66.57 = £47.26
Web and Graphic design costs	
	Total: £515.73
Other (please specify)	
Post-Conference EAG/CEELBAS Networking Lunch 21 st September, Brussels	€231.35 = £164.26
Travel costs of EAG Director/Principal Organiser to 2/3 key institutions both prior to, and after the conference, to introduce the objectives of CEELBAS & EAG regarding a network of energy researchers (primarily Cambridge, Birmingham and Manchester)	£350
Subtotal	£1029.99 (£1080 in the original budget) Surplus: £50.01

4. Room/equipment hire: covered by Egmont on the basis of match funding	
Palais d'Egmont: Room 1A for Afternoon of 20th September and Morning of 21st September (£250 per day)	£500
Catering costs for EAG Roundtable dinner for 22 participants and keynote speaker on 20th September	£1000
Palais d'Egmont, Audio Visual costs	£150
Egmont administrator (Royal Institute for International Relations) managing onsite operations from July–September	£250
Posters for Palais d'Egmont	£100
Subtotal	£2000

Staff and Institutional Support: covered by the University of Kent on the basis of match funding	£5,361
5. Staff Costs: Release time for Dr Hadfield as Project Manager (5 hours a week over duration of EAG Roundtable preparation)	
Institutional Support (Costed on the basis of full economic cost)	
Estates Costs for Project (Office space, secretarial support, etc)	
Indirect Costs (Library, IT facilities, personnel, research services, preparation time, etc)	£2,446
Subtotal	£10,725
	£18532

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	£25,532
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION INVOICED TO CEELBAS	£3716.64
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REQUESTED FROM CEELBAS	£5000
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION INVOICED TO Egmont	£2000
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION INVOICED TO the University of Kent	£18,532

7. Dissemination and further research

Please give details of dissemination of the outcomes of the workshop/project and any further research planned.

Short-term: The dissemination of the EAG's research-based output has already begun: all EAG attendees have received the abstract and the Power Point presentations of each of the panellists. These are currently in the process of being uploaded onto the EAG site on the University of Kent of Kent's Politics/IR Website.

Medium-term: When EAG links into the COPURA Security Portal, a special EAG platform will permit these same presentations to be uploaded as well. As mentioned above, if the full £5000 can be granted to EAG despite the surplus, then medium-term objectives will be more easily facilitated, including:

two postgraduate PEAG workshops to be held at the University of Kent, in February, June and September 2008

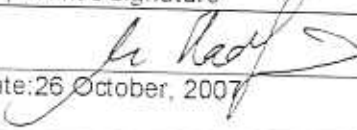
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Long-term: The EAG now has the option to publish the series of papers presented in the four seminars as a single, stand-alone text with a reputable British publisher, according to an agreement reached earlier in 2006. However, the EAG has also been approached by Taylor and Francis/Routledge Journals, with a proposal to launch a new energy journal, whose mandate would encapsulate the broad geopolitical, geoeconomic, and specialised policy areas that energy is now a large part of.

The suggestion is that the EAG/CEELBAS participants may actually receive greater coverage within a permanent journal, than in a single stand-alone text. The inaugural issue of the journal may therefore be more advantageous as a research platform for EAG/CEELBAS individuals, than a mere chapter in a text, however relevant. The proposal for the journal is now complete; so fully published output from the EAG's first CEELBAS-sponsored Roundtable could be seen in late 2008 or early 2009.

8. Signature and date

Applicant's signature


Date: 26 October, 2007

Institutional authorisation (if required)

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Date:

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Date: 26 October, 2007

This form must be accompanied by an invoice from the applicant's institution, supported by receipts or other evidence of the expenditure incurred.

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