

Perfect planning or the lack of effective lobby? The analysis of models and participants of European gas market liberalization

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The EU has great medium term goals according to the common energy market. Its aim is to create a competition based productive, competitive gas market with respect to environmental aspects as well. Our aim is to examine with all of our restrictions, what (may) happen on this special field of energy market, closer on the gas market, by all the changes made within the framework of EU directed liberalization.

More precisely, the aim of this study is to find out whether is it possible to handle the EU as a unity and to create one energy policy for the 27 member states of the EU – actually 3 different groups by the models offered by the EU? Using around a dozen of indicators chosen from OECD studies and national characteristics of countries we would like to classify EU member states into some possibly homogeneous groups. We try to find out, whether it is possible to make exactly three homogeneous clusters, which can create the chosen models in their own markets, or there may be some member states left, as outsiders, which do not produce the expected conditions for example in state control, public ownership, entry regulation, and so on? In other words, are there really three types of adaptive environment for the three European gas market liberalization models? By the help of this research we would like to get closer to answering our basic question, which refers to that, whether it is possible to extract a real EU level competition by liberalization in a market which has so different characteristics within member countries?

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