



Opening workshop: **Challenges of the Energy Law and Policy Framework in the Baltic Sea Region**

4–5 July 2019

**Venue:** Stiftung Alfried Krupp Kolleg Greifswald, Martin-Luther-Straße 14, Greifswald, Germany

Welcome to the Energy Research Group workshop – the first workshop of the Interdisciplinary Research Centre for Baltic Sea Region Research (IFZO) on energy!

**Background**

The IFZO is an interdisciplinary research centre for studies on the Baltic Sea Region (BSR) that aims to analyse future challenges and opportunities in the countries of the BSR. One of the six research groups at the IFZO specialises in energy studies. The Energy Research Group speaker is Professor Michael Rodi. The Energy Research Group initially aims at addressing the following questions:

- What steps must be taken to support the European Union’s goal of developing a common energy market in the BSR?
- What measures are required to support energy system interconnectivity beyond national borders?
- How can we coordinate common activities in the construction of offshore wind parks?
- What is the potential for establishing a meshed grid system that includes offshore wind parks?
- What measures must be taken to develop energy security in the BSR? What is the role of NordStream2 in this context?
- How can the countries of the BSR agree on a common energy policy for a clean energy transition?
- How can we increase active public engagement to advance a clean energy transition in the BSR?

For more information on IFZO, please visit:

<https://phil.uni-greifswald.de/en/institute/facilities-organisations/ifzo/ifzo-is/>

<https://www.uni-greifswald.de/en/university/information/current-news/details/n/greifswald-to-establish-research-centre-for-the-baltic-sea-region-43005/>

## **Aims and rationale**

The Energy Research Group was launched on 1 April 2019. Within the next two years, we hope to become a robust and sophisticated institute for energy studies in the BSR. This first workshop is primarily intended as a brainstorming session to discuss how to proceed with our work and establish this cluster; we will also develop a framework for future international research collaboration. In the workshop, we will discuss our initial research questions, as well as both short- and long-term plans for addressing them. *Based on the framework created during this workshop, we will cooperate with workshop participants to develop international research projects with the collaboration of the workshop participants for longer-term collaboration between the institutes.* We would like to gather the experiences of others in the field to get inspiration for additional research priorities for the research group.

## **Schedule**

### July 4, 2019

- I. 9:30-9:45, Opening speech: Prof Michael North, Speaker of IFZO
- II. 9:50-10:10, Introduction to the energy workshop: Prof Michael Rodi, speaker of Energy Research Group
- III. Panel 1: *Regulatory challenges*

Chair: Prof Michael Rodi, Chair of Public, Financial, Environmental and Energy Law at the Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Greifswald

10:15-11:35

- Prof Margarita Balmaceda, Seton Hall University and Associate at Harvard University, USA: *Nord Stream, Ukraine, and New Conceptualizations of Energy Space*
  - Ms Anika Nicolaas Ponder, Team lead of Sustainability and Innovation at the Institute for Climate Protection, Energy and Mobility (IKEM), Germany: *Meshed offshore grids in the Baltic Sea: Insights from the Baltic InteGrid*
- IV. 11:35-11:50 Coffee break
  - V. 11:50-12:30 Panel 1: continued (guest presentation)
    - Mr Maksymilian Zoll, Research associate at TU Darmstadt, Germany: *Poland low carbon energy transition as multi-level governance coordination phenomenon: national legacies, state governance, and external influences*
  - VI. 12:30- 13:30 Lunch break
  - VII. 13:30-19 Site visit
    - Max Planck Institute
    - Nord Stream Lubmin landfall facility
    - Greifswald Nuclear Power Plant
  - VIII. 19:30-21 Workshop dinner

### July 5, 2019

- I. 9:15-9:25 Opening of the second day: Prof Michael Rodi, speaker of Energy Research Group

II. Panel 2: *Energy transition and society*

Chair: Dr Farid Karimi, responsible for the Energy Research Group of IFZO, University of Greifswald

9:25-10:45

- Dr Matúš Mišík, Assistant professor at the Department of Political Science at Comenius University, Slovakia: *two paths, one common goal? Energy and climate policies in Germany and Central and Eastern Europe*
- Prof Tomas Janeliūnas, Institute of international relations and political science of Vilnius University, Lithuania: *Lithuanian energy strategy and regional cooperation: aiming for a grand energy transformation*

III. 10:45-11:05 coffee break

IX. 11:05- 11:45 Panel 2: continued

- Dr Farid Karimi, IFZO: *Unlocking potentials for community participation in renewable energy deployment in the Baltic Sea Region: how does social acceptability emerge?*

IX. 11:45-12:15 Guest presentation

- Dr Stefan Ewert and Ms Anke Nordt, University of Greifswald: *The potential of biomass from Paludiculture as renewable energy resource in the Baltic Sea Region*

X. 12:15-13:00 Lunch break

XI. 13:00-14:15 Roundtable and discussion: what is next?

XII. 14:15-14:35 Coffee break

XIII. 14:35-15:30 Roundtable and discussion: continued

XIV. 15:30-15:45 Wrapping up the workshop

XV. 16-16:45 Guiding tour, University of Greifswald

## **Enquiries**

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