

Energy Security in Southeast Asia and Beyond - From Competition to Cooperation? Civil Society's Stake in Asia's and Europe's Energy Policy
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The EU's Energy Policy in the Context of Asia-Europe Cooperation: An Overview

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The Concept of Energy Security

- Traditional notion is **security of supply**
- Broadened approach includes sustainability, climate change, socio-economic impacts
- Factors to achieve energy security include
 - Competitiveness
 - Affordability
 - Adequacy



Energy Policy in the EU (1)

The early years

- European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC)
 - Euratom
 - Oil crisis (1970s)
- ⇒ Response on national level
- ⇒ Led to creation of International Energy Agency (IEA)



Energy Policy in the EU (2)

First steps

- Single European market (1980s)
- Maastricht Treaty and Liberalisation (1990s)
- Initiatives by the European Commission
 - Green Paper and White Paper 1995
 - Integrated approach: environment and energy



Factors influencing EU energy policy in the 1990s

Internal factors

- New impetus for European integration (enlargement!)
- Ambitions of European Commission

External factors

- New geopolitical environment
- Climate change
- Rising oil prices
- Globalisation



The EU's energy and climate package

- Formalisation of EU Energy Policy in 2005
- Elements of the first energy and climate package (2007)
 - 20-20-20 goal
 - Improved energy efficiency
 - Principle of solidarity
 - Investment in renewable energy sources
 - Completing the internal market



Role of Technology

- Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan) presented in 2007
- Expected to be adopted at the EU Council in October 2009
- Emphasis on global efforts
- Funding for research and development projects in energy



EU-Asia energy cooperation

- Cooperation with ASEAN
- Cooperation with strategic partners
- Cooperation under the ASEM framework



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What Role for Civil Society?

Some examples:

- EU-India Civil Society Roundtable and EU-India High-Level Dialogue on Energy and Climate Change
- Consultation Process by the European Commission
- Asia-Europe Environment Forum acts within the ASEM process



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- ASEAN Secretariat
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Earth Council Asia-Pacific
- European Environmental Agency
- DG Environment, EC
- Perspectives Consultancy
- Regional Institute of Environmental Technology
- KEHATI-The Indonesian Biodiversity Foundation
- Research Centre for Sustainable Development (China)



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Summary (1)

- Energy security likely to remain high on agenda, strategic importance will most likely increase in the years to come
- Traditional approach focused on security of supply is unlikely to solve the issue
- Inclusive approach integrating other concerns slowly gaining momentum

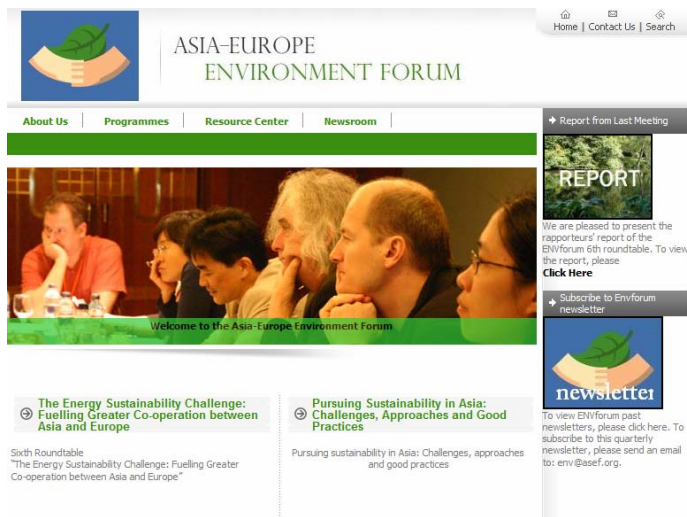


Summary (2)

- Variety of processes on different levels (inter-governmental, bi-lateral, regional)
- Asia-Europe cooperation under way in various fora and international frameworks
- Civil society seldom formally involved in discussions



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