



Concept and Syllabus presentation

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Agenda

DAY 1 - evening. Wednesday 16/09/2026

Opening Ceremony

17:30 – 18:00 Registrations

18:00 – 18:10 Welcome speeches

18:10 – 18:30 Keynote Speeches

18:30 – 19:30 Ambassadors' circle

19:30 – 20:10 Academy boosters

20:10 – 21:00 Presentation of the Academy / Meet the delegates

21:00 – 22:30 Cocktail party



DAY 2 - morning. *Thursday 17/09/2026.*

Session 1: Energy Security, Strategy & Geopolitics

09:00 – 11:00 Lectures

- **09:00 – 09:30 Lecture A:** *Security of supply & regional cooperation through electricity interconnectors*
- **09:30 – 10:00 Lecture B:** *Security of supply in the oil & gas sector in Europe*
- **10:00 – 10:30 Lecture C:** *Geopolitical challenges & energy cooperation in the Balkans & Mediterranean*
- **10:30 – 11:00 Lecture D:** *Strategic value of energy projects and assessment of regional energy hubs*

11:00 – 12:00 Debates

- Debate 1 : Team A vs Team B
Do we need to focus our efforts on regional cooperation or autonomy through Renewables or through gas to optimize security of supply for member states and the EU?
- Debate 2: Team C vs Team D
Are European policies on decarbonization in collision with policies on European energy security throughout the transition period or not?

12:00 – 13:00 Discussion

All teams

13:00 – 14:00 Networking & Interviews

Delegates + Lecturers + Company representatives

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch Break

DAY 2 - afternoon. Thursday 17/09/2026.

Session 2: Internal Market & Regional Energy Markets

15:00 – 17:00 Lectures

- **15:00 – 15:30 Lecture A:** *Key elements of the internal energy market*
- **15:30 – 16:00 Lecture B:** *SEE Regional Gas Market Integration and Market Development*
- **16:00 – 16:30 Lecture C:** *Energy consumer protection, participation and information policies*
- **16:30 – 17:00 Lecture D:** *The evolution of European Net zero strategies & its effects on Low Carbon Solutions*

17:00 – 18:00 Debates

- Debate 1 : Team A vs Team D

Does the whole framework of European internal energy market needs to be redesigned with more control over the transactions, contracts, and pricing by the EU authorities and the member states, or not?

- Debate 2: Team B vs Team C

Should the investments in infrastructure needed for better integration and interconnection between member states' energy markets be financed primarily through socialization of costs (regulated costs) or through state-sponsored subsidies?

18:00 – 19:00 Discussion

All teams

19:00 – 20:00 Networking & Interviews

Delegates + Lecturers + Company representatives

21:00 Social event

Delegates + Lecturers + Company representatives

DAY 3 - morning. *Friday 18/09/2026.*

Session 3: Energy Transition & Decarbonisation

09:00 – 11:00 Lectures

- **09:00 – 09:30 Lecture A:** *The evolution of the EU Green Deal and its follow-up policies*
- **09:30 – 10:00 Lecture B:** *Energy efficiency, and RES shares, in the EU industry sector*
- **10:00 – 10:30 Lecture C:** *Renewable gases and their position in the energy transition*
- **10:30 – 11:00 Lecture D:** *Smart grids, renewable networks, energy & carbon storage*

11:00 – 12:00 Debates

- Debate 1: Team A vs Team C

Do we need to focus our policy and financing efforts on specific Renewable technologies that have already proven to work, or should we keep equal support for all potential renewable technologies options and pathways?

- Debate 2: Team B vs Team D

During the energy transition period towards 2050, should the European energy system rely for its stability solely on renewable energy storage solutions, or also include low-emitting base load production by e.g. nuclear, natural gas, and carbon capture systems?

12:00 – 13:00 Discussion

All teams

13:00 – 14:00 Networking & Interviews

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14:00 – 15:00 Lunch Break

DAY 3 - afternoon. *Friday 18/09/2026.*

Session 4: Energy Investments & Financing

15:00 – 17:00 Lectures

- **15:00 – 15:30 Lecture A:** *Financing interconnectors: Long-term returns and cross-border risk allocation*
- **15:30 – 16:00 Lecture B:** *Financing batteries and RES: Revenue models, market exposure and technology risks*
- **16:00 – 16:30 Lecture C:** *Financing new energy technologies: From pilot projects to scalable business models*
- **16:30 – 17:00 Lecture D:** *New financial instruments: Blended finance, guarantees and risk-sharing mechanisms*

17:00 – 18:00 Debates

- Debate 1 : Team C vs Team B
Should capital-intensive energy infrastructure (grids, interconnectors, storage) be financed primarily through regulated long-term returns or through market-based revenue models?
- Debate 2: Team D vs Team A
Is it preferable to de-risk investments in new energy technologies through public support and guarantees, or to leave technology selection and failure risk mainly to private investors?

18:00 – 19:00 Discussion

All teams

19:00 – 20:00 Networking & Interviews

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DAY 4 - morning. *Saturday 19/09/2026.*

Session 5: The future of energy under recurring geopolitical turmoil

09:00 – 11:00 Lectures

- **09:00 – 09:30 Lecture A:** *The future of storage, green energy and sustainability*
- **09:30 – 10:00 Lecture B:** *The future of transportation & distribution networks*
- **10:00 – 10:30 Lecture C:** *The future of energy markets and trading*
- **10:30 – 11:00 Lecture D:** *The future of energy technology and innovation*

11:00 – 12:00 Debates

- Debate 1 : Team A vs Team C

Should Europe keep focusing on being a pioneer and a lighthouse regarding decarbonization, sustainability and green economy policies, or switch focus towards addressing the competition challenges arising from China, the US and other powers in the energy sector?

- Debate 2: Team B vs Team D

Should Europe spend more money in the future supporting new research and innovation in the energy sector, or on support schemes for established green technologies that are still struggling to be economically viable within Europe and its neighbouring regions?

12:00 – 13:00 Discussion

All teams

13:00 – 13:30 Networking & Interviews

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13:30 – 14:30 Lunch break

DAY 4 - afternoon. Saturday 19/09/2026.

Session 6: Closing arguments

14:30 – 17:30 Final discussion & workshop

How do you vision the fundamental form, shape, characteristics, and functions of the energy sector in Europe, the Balkans and the Mediterranean, in order to deliver solid, realistic solutions for climate protection and energy security.

20:30 – 23:00 Closing Ceremony & Party

