

# Call for proposals

## - Reform of the electricity Market in Europe -

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### Background & objectives

The ongoing energy crisis is blatantly demonstrating the failure of the energy system currently in place in the European Union. The incremental process of liberalization, through the adoption of different energy packages advanced by the European commission led to, an average increase of prices throughout the years<sup>1</sup>. Since summer, 2021 a conjunction of factors saw the energy prices skyrocketing and the current system has been unable to shield households from this crisis. Leading to a situation where more than 1 out of 4 people in the EU is in a situation of energy poverty. In the meantime, the profit of fossil fuels companies has skyrocketed to an unseen level. In 2022, in the EU four of the major oil&gas companies have made seventy seven billion euros of benefits during the nine first months of the year.<sup>2</sup>

On the March 16 of the European commission will release its plan for the reform of the electricity market, a reform called by the European Council in 2022. The executive branch of the European Union will then present a set of proposals that will officially launch the process to reform the electricity legal framework.

### The Study

The study will go back to the roots of the energy crisis, briefly detailing its causes, and its economic as well as social impacts. It will analyze the functioning of the electricity markets and how prices are fixated and created in the current system. In a second moment, the research will assess the upcoming proposal from the European Commission measuring the response at the wake of the needed transformation of the sector. Based on this analysis the core fo the study study will focus into proposing clear pathways for reform of the electricity market with the goal of providing clean and affordable energy for all Europeans. The research should look into the possibility and feasibility for a publicly owned energy system to be implemented.

The research will also possibly assess some of the main demands that have been made around windfall tax and prices cap and how they could fit onto the process of building a new electricity mechanism in the European market.

### Conditions

Word length: 15,000–20,000 words

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.epsu.org/sites/default/files/article/files/Going%20Public\\_EPSU-PSIRU%20Report%202019%20-%20EN.pdf](https://www.epsu.org/sites/default/files/article/files/Going%20Public_EPSU-PSIRU%20Report%202019%20-%20EN.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://corporateeurope.org/en/2022/10/fuelling-cost-living-crisis>

Language: English

Honorarium: 8000 euros

### **Timeline**

Notification to authors: Tuesday, 25 March 2023

Submission of study: Monday, 4 September 2023

Publication: October 2023

### **Application**

CV + abstract and outline of the research of up to 1,000 words + must be submitted to Nessim Achouche at [nessim.achouche@rosalux.org](mailto:nessim.achouche@rosalux.org), subject line: “[your name] – Abstract: Electricity Market reform”, by 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, 11 am CEST. Late submissions will not be considered.