

## Invitation

# Strengthening EU energy infrastructure security: Learning from Ukraine

*Networking lunch, Wednesday, 13 May 2026, 12:00-14:00*

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The weaponization of energy infrastructure dependencies has led to rethinking security of energy supply in the EU. Instead of several sector-specific plans for keeping gas floating through the pipelines, for stable electricity grids or for securing oil supplies, the more integrated concept of energy resilience emerges. It is based on a broader range of societal and technical capabilities that can function simultaneously and reinforce each other because of a decentralised management of energy networks.

During the past four years, Ukraine's energy sector had to cope with intensified attacks and limited replacement options under extreme strain. In this roundtable discussion, we will learn from Ukrainian energy experts about the practical implications of resilient energy infrastructure planning, operation and governance. With participants from EU institutions, grid operators, defence and industry, we will try to derive concrete recommendations for the upcoming European Commission initiative on strengthening energy security as well as for embedding robust support for network resilience in the EU Grids Package.

## Agenda

### 12:00 Start networking lunch

### 12:30 Welcome

*Philippa Nuttall, moderator and editor, Sustainable Views, Financial Times*

### 12:40 Practical key principles for planning, operating and investing in energy network resilience

*Olena Pavlenko, President, and Roman Nitsovyich, Head of Research, dixigroup, Kyiv, authors of the [new report 'Holding the grid. Ukraine's energy resilience playbook'](#)*

### 12:55 Build back better: IEA recommendations for strengthening energy infrastructure security

*Talya Vatman, Caspian and Black Sea Programme Manager, International Energy Agency, Paris*

### 13:05 Reactions from the national perspective

*Daiva Matonienė, Energy Attaché to Ukraine, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania*

### 13:15 Reactions from the European Commission

*Wioletta Dunin-Majewska, Deputy Head of Cabinet, Commissioner für Energy and Housing, Dan Jørgensen [tbc]*

### 13:25 Q&A

### 14:00 End of the roundtable discussion and networking lunch

Please register by 12 May using this link: <https://eu.boell.org/en/rsvp-13may>

This is an event in our series of roundtables 'Networking for better networks'. For more information, please contact *Jörg Mühlenhoff*, Head of Programme - European Energy Transition, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union, [joerg.muehlenhoff@eu.boell.org](mailto:joerg.muehlenhoff@eu.boell.org), +32 470 03 16 24.