



# Briefing Notice

## How Can New Transatlantic Collaboration Overcome Barriers to Renewable Energy Goals?

Thursday, December 3, 2015

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

334 Cannon House Office Building

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute** (EESI) and the **Center for Climate Strategies** (CCS) invite you to a briefing discussing how all levels of governments in the European Union and United States can expand collaboration on renewable electricity market penetration to meet energy, economic, and environmental needs. The briefing will feature an upcoming report by CCS, funded by the European Union Delegation to the United States, which examines high-priority common challenges and opportunities in the renewable energy sector that are prime candidates for new or enhanced forms of transatlantic collaboration at the regional and Member State/U.S. state levels. Attendees will be invited to provide comments and input for the report; join us to discuss how enhanced transatlantic cooperation can help set the stage for new investments and technologies through greater thought leadership, information sharing, technical assistance, and collaboration.

- **Tom Peterson**, President and CEO, Center for Climate Strategies
- **Dr. Hal Nelson**, Research Associate Professor, Claremont Graduate University
- **Dr. Georg Maue**, Counselor for Energy and Climate Policy, German Embassy
- **Alison Conboy**, Head of Energy and Environment, British Embassy
- **Dr. Dale Medearis**, Senior Environmental Planner, Northern Virginia Regional Commission

Renewable energy can stimulate economies, diversify energy resources, ensure resilience, and provide affordable electricity at stable rates that are unaffected by fluctuating fuel prices. The renewable energy sectors in both the United States and Europe have already seen robust growth: by 84.4 percent between 2003 and 2013 in the European Union (EU) and by 47 percent in the United States during that same period. However, barriers remain to the greater expansion of renewable energy resources.

New forms of collaboration will be essential to overcome these barriers and to reach the ambitious new 2030 goals for renewable energy in the United States and the European Union. Through transatlantic mechanisms such as real-time peer education, information exchange, technical assistance, and policy coordination at the national, regional, state and local levels, the United States and the European Union can help each other reach energy as well as economic goals. Increasing coordination between the private sectors in both regions can also play a strong role in accelerating renewable energy use. Transatlantic collaboration can be extended to other regions throughout the world (Africa, Asia, South America...) to further accelerate the penetration of renewables and the transition to a low-carbon economy.

**This event is free and open to the public.**

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