

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 11/24/15**Expert Panel Speaks on U.S. Energy Exports***Discussion on the European Energy Union and its Implications on U.S. Energy Policy*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Alliance for Innovation and Infrastructure is hosting an expert panel to discuss European energy connectivity at 3:00pm on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center in Congressional Meeting Room South.

The discussion will focus on EU energy connectivity and how it impacts U.S. energy diplomacy efforts. Expert panelists will discuss the complexities of European energy infrastructure and how limited connectivity in certain parts of the continent impact other tensions in the region. Panelists will also offer concrete examples of what steps U.S. policy makers can take to increase the effectiveness of U.S. energy diplomacy efforts.

Panelists for the event include, Ambassador Richard Kauzlarich, Co-Director of the Center for Energy Science and Policy at George Mason University; Ambassador András Simonyi, Managing Director of the Center for Transatlantic Relations at the School of Advanced International Studies at John Hopkins University; Douglas Hengel, Senior Resident Fellow at the German Marshall Fund; Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania, Mindaugas Žičkus; and Ambassador Peter Kmec at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic.

The catalyst behind the event is Aii Chairman, Brigham McCown's forthcoming report *Energy (Dis)Union: A Critique of the European Internal Market* to be published next year in the acclaimed *European Energy Journal*.

The Alliance for Innovation and Infrastructure (Aii) is a U.S.-based nonprofit committed to recognizing the nation's need for improved infrastructure and highlighting innovative and effective strategies to address these issues related to energy, transportation, and technology advancements.

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