



Call for Evidence: Energy Review

WHAT is
the Call for
Evidence?

The Energy Call for Evidence was published on 24 October. It outlines the scope and effect of EU competence on energy activities and includes discussion on a number of thematic areas: competitiveness and the internal electricity and gas market; security of energy supply, barriers to infrastructure development and exploitation of indigenous energy resources; sustainability, energy efficiency, renewables and carbon, capture and storage; EU-external energy relations; and nuclear and Euratom. It also includes a list of questions (not exhaustive) to which we are inviting you to respond via our online survey. The questions are designed to make you think about the impact of EU action on energy and the extent to which it helps and where it may hamper UK interests.

WHAT is
the aim?

The Energy Review stems from a Coalition commitment to review the balance of competences between the UK and the EU and will ultimately form one of thirty-two subject-based reports which will provide an informed and objective analysis of what EU membership means for the UK. It aims to deepen public and parliamentary understanding of the nature of our EU membership by examining the way EU action on energy affects energy activities in the UK. The Energy report will be a summary of evidence submitted by a variety of interested parties. It is not aimed at producing recommendations or drawing conclusions on specific areas of EU legislation though it will explore issues that arise from it.

WHY take
part?

We intend that the Call for Evidence reaches out widely to civil society, industry, trade bodies, business, interest groups, Parliament, the devolved governments and academics. We invite anyone with relevant knowledge, expertise or experience to respond to the questions in our Call for Evidence. This is an opportunity for people to have their say on an important issue, outside of the political debate over the EU. It might be the only opportunity to share your evidence of the impact of the EU on your sector.

WHEN to
respond by?

The Call for Evidence period will run for twelve weeks from **24 October to 15 January 2014**. Throughout this period we shall hold a series of stakeholder events to inform individuals and organisations about the review, to facilitate debate on key issues and to encourage submission of written evidence for the final report. Stakeholders can see information on the workshops in the Call for Evidence and there is an email address to register interest – see below. Please use the same email address if you need to contact us for further information.

WHAT next?

Contact us for more information:

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Visit our consultation page **from 24 October** to read the call for evidence documents and to complete the online survey at:

<https://econsultation.decc.gov.uk/decc-policy/balance-of-competence-energy-review>