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The **Benelux Association for Energy Economics (BAEE)** and the **Nederlandse Vereniging voor Energierecht (NeVER)** invite you to a joint seminar at the intersection of economics and law.

“Tariff regulation of TSOs: do we need European harmonisation?”

Date: 31 January 2013

Venue: Muzentoren, room M.4.20, Wijnhaven 24, 2511 GA The Hague

In the past decade we have witnessed an ongoing integration of energy commodity markets in the EU and, currently, the first steps are taken for a European harmonisation of technical rules in the energy sector. However, tariff regulation of network operators has remained a *national* issue, resulting in differences between member states.

In this seminar, we shall discuss the issue of whether some form of European harmonisation of the tariff regulation of transmission system operators (TSOs) is needed. On the one hand, a growing number of TSOs is active in more than one member state, such as TenneT, Gasunie or Elia. Do they wish a certain level of harmonisation or not? And would it also be in the general interest? On the other hand, differences in tariff regulation between member states affect the level playing field in the European energy market. Would this be a reason for EU policy makers to strive for some form of European harmonisation of tariff regulation?

In this seminar, attention will be paid to what the economic *rationale* for harmonisation would be as well as to the current legal situation concerning harmonisation: what is legally possible and what is impossible?

We are proud to have speakers from TenneT and Gasunie as well as experts from academia and the market who will share their views with us. See the programme below.

Participation in the seminar is free, but registration is required before 29 January 2013. For registration, please visit our webpage:

<http://www.baee.eu/policy-workshop-european-harmonisation-of-tariff-regulation.html>

We hope to see you at the seminar,

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Programme

14.30 Registration and coffee/tea

15.00 Welcome and Opening

15.05 Introduction by Machiel Mulder (Deputy Chief Economist at NMa)

“The basics of TSO tariff regulation: the key parameters for the discussion”

15.20 Menno van Oostveen (Legal Counsel at TenneT)

& Frank Woessink (Regulatory Adviser at TenneT)

“Views from TenneT, a TSO in the Netherlands and Germany”

15.45 Annelies Huygen (Senior Research Scientist at TNO) - *discussant*

“TSO tariff regulation revisited: is the future like the past?”

16.00 Coffee/tea break

16.15 Erik Gottschal (Head of Legal at GTS)

“Views from Gasunie/GTS, a TSO in the Netherlands and Germany”

16.40 Jacques van de Worp (Senior Policy Adviser at VEMW) - *discussant*

“EU tariff harmonisation seen from the perspective of energy users”

16.55 General discussion

17.15 Drinks