Course: Legal Aspects for the Sustainable Society — credits: 5

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Learning outcomes

At the end of this module the Transition Strategist will be able to:

1. Analyse, identify and evaluate how present legal landscapes and principles can be used and manipulated in order to mobilize change in evolving energy landscapes/communities and which support innovation/transition. (PLO1)
2. Use and integrate various disciplines in order to handle complicated energy issues by offering legislative solutions or by avoidance of legal barriers by using alternative and multidisciplinary co-operation. (PLO3)
3. Critically evaluate, integrate and reflect on the complex legal landscape and provide clear judgements and validation relating to energy transition in energy communities taking into account the interests of stakeholders and the goals as set in climate treaties. (PLO4)
4. Analyse and critically reflect on the various legal systems and communicate with stakeholders in a way that benefits energy transition in line with the stakeholders interests and responsibilities. (PLO5)
5. Analyse and critically reflect upon the contents of academic papers, professional articles and new media publications on present governance theories, innovation theories and methods. (PLO 8)
6. Engage in the Community of Learners. (PLO 9)

Content

Energy transition is a complex development in which radical decisions have to made and innovative processes have to be developed and implemented in order to facilitate transition in the energy sector and take all stakeholders demands in consideration. Legal aspects will be playing a key role in this complicated process. In order to letting the Transition Strategist fulfil his role in this process a broad and solid knowledge of legal systems and principles is needed as well as having the awareness in which situations law and regulation is mandatory or when the aforementioned legal aspects can be avoided in order to establish the necessary changes in the transition process. The Transition Strategist needs to be open-minded, flexible, focussed and pragmatic in order to achieving his targets. Effectiveness, Transparency, Democracy and Legitimacy form the ingredients with which the Transition Strategist has to perform. The ways in which these aforementioned principles are weighted and ranked will be decisive in the way changes can be achieved.
This module provides all of the above aspects, in several phases of development as (1)Theoretical exploration of Energy and Legal principles, (2) Liberalization and transition initiatives and (3) the analysis of developments, side effects and the future choices in Energy transition and Legal aspects.

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