



ASEAN ENERGY MARKET INTEGRATION (AEMI):
ENERGY SECURITY AND CONNECTIVITY
THE NORDIC AND EUROPEAN UNION APPROACHES
CONCEPT NOTE FOR AEMI FORUM

The AEMI Initiative is aimed at formulating policy recommendations for ASEAN to proceed from energy market “coordination” to energy market “integration” within the context of the ASEAN Economic Community. It is aimed at supporting the formulation and implementation of the latest ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (2016-2025), focused on energy market integration and connectivity. The Initiative is delivered by the AEMI Group, a network of academics and experts from across ASEAN, and is hosted by the ASEAN Studies Centre, Chulalongkorn University. It is conducted in cooperation with the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) and is currently funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

As part of the AEMI Initiative, the Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore, is hosting this two-day AEMI Forum. The principal objective of this Forum is to develop approaches to governing energy connectivity and energy security as part of ASEAN energy market integration. Particular attention will be paid to evaluating the applicability of the Nordic approach, and to contrasting this approach with that taken by the EU. This issue is particularly timely given the ongoing deliberations on the Laos PDR – Thailand – Malaysia – Singapore Power Integration Project (LTMS PIP), as part of the deployment of the ASEAN Power Grid (APG).

The Forum will strive to adopt, at its conclusion, concrete steps to formulating policy advice on ASEAN connectivity and the APG, particularly relating to the LTMS PIP. It will focus on three main questions:

1. How do Nordic energy cooperation institutions operate and how do they compare with institutions in the Europe Union and the North American Electrical Reliability Corporation?
2. How does the Nordpool electricity exchange operate and what accounts for its success?
3. What conclusions can we draw for ASEAN, and in particular for the design of LTMS PIP as a preliminary test for the ASEAN Power Grid (APG)?

Participants to the Forum include academics, experts, policy makers, ASEAN officials (e.g. from ASEC, ACE, HAPUA, AERN), as well as representatives from Embassies, the private sector, and international organizations (e.g., IEA, UNESCAP). The Forum will be interactive and provide the opportunity for an informal discussion among participants. It will be held under the Chatham House Rule, whereby participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speakers, nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

The Forum will be chaired by members of the AEMI Advisory Committee. Four background papers will be circulated to participants in order to provide critical background information about the Nordic and European experiences. These background papers will be finalised after the Forum in the light of the Forum discussions and conclusions.