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Discussion questions about current dynamics and challenges in the energy single market

General questions:

1. Why was integration in energy policy such a lengthy and difficult process?
2. To what extent is energy policy integration best described as differentiated integration?
3. Which were the key steps taken to create an internal energy market?
4. What is the so-called energy trilemma? How does it apply to the EU?
5. How did the issue of energy security become Europeanised?

Teaching case study questions:

1. To what extent can the war in Ukraine alter the political dynamics and institutional balance?
2. Do current dynamics constitute a push for further integration in EU energy policy?
3. What are the implications of the Ukraine crisis for the so-called energy trilemma?
4. In your view, does the crisis open a window of opportunity to solve the energy trilemma?