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Location : Cottbus

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Submission Deadline : 6/16/2003

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The issue of competition policy on energy markets is on the agenda of researchers and policy makers since the 1980s when some countries initiated the liberalizing of their electricity markets. Recently, the issue was boosted by the EU-decision to fully liberalize its electricity and gas markets by 2007. However, on a world wide scale and even within the EU different approaches to liberalization and (de-)regulation have been applied. Yet in almost all countries, notably in California, first experience calls for various improvements. The INFER Workshop on Competition Policy on Energy Markets aims at discussing these issues in a broad sense. Against this background, conference topics may include (but are not limited to) the following areas: - Analysis of Deregulation Processes in EU-Energy Markets - Regulation Requirements in Liberalised Energy Markets - The Role of Renewable Energy in Liberalised Energy Markets - Mergers and Acquisitions in Energy Markets - EU-Enlargement and Energy Markets - The EU-Energy Policy The conference is addressed to experienced researchers, PhD. students and professionals from business, government or non-governmental institutions. We encourage especially junior scholars to submit papers. - Analysis of California's Energy Crisis - The Environmental Impact(s) of Energy Market Liberalisation

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