External energy security has gained importance within the EU due to the Russian-Ukrainian natural gas dispute, but also because of mid- and long-term issues related to the availability of the energy supply in Europe. The Energy Union proposed by the European Commission is supposed to increase the coherence of the EU in external energy and in this way contribute to the overall energy security of the Community. However, various member states have already expressed different views, not always positive, concerning this project. This talk examines member states’ support for and opposition to the further deepening of integration in external energy security.

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