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EXITING THE ENERGY CHARTER TREATY UNDER THE LAW OF TREATIES

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The Energy Charter Treaty (ECT), concluded in the immediate post-Cold War era to protect investments in the energy sector, is now viewed as a serious obstacle to the urgently-needed transition to a 'green economy'. A growing number of states parties, among them Italy, have withdrawn from the agreement. The problem, however, is that the ECT contains a 'sunset clause' under which existing investments, including fossil fuel investments, remain protected by the treaty's provisions for a further 20 years after a state party's withdrawal. Claims brought by existing investors in 'dirty energy' threaten to cost former parties many billions of euros – money these states need to meet the challenges of climate change.

Two leading experts will discuss whether there is a way under international law for withdrawing states to circumvent the ECT's sunset clause.

INTRODUCTION

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