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Seminar/webinar – Tuesday, April 25th

Geopolitics and Energy – Opportunities and challenges for the green industries



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To increase the understanding of contemporary global politics, it is important to have a geopolitical perspective. The geopolitical situation in Europe changed fundamentally when, on 24 February, 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine. Based on security and trade policy aspects, the effects on energy and climate policy, security of supply and the effects on Swedish agriculture and forestry sectors are discussed at this seminar.

The framework for energy supply is global. The seminar begins with an overview of the geopolitical macro landscape and global developments. Energy supply, energy use and global economy are highlighted with an EU perspective on climate commitments, energy supply and security of supply. The overall picture also includes a security policy focus where the connection between energy and international relations and energy and conflicts, respectively, is highlighted.

The second part of the seminar highlights what this mean for Sweden and the forestry and agriculture sector? How does the global system affect Swedish energy system development? How can a Swedish strategy for the bioeconomy contribute and what lessons can we learn from Finland's strategy for security of supply?

Finally, it is discussed which opportunities and challenges this provides for the sector and which obstacles need to be overcome to realize these opportunities.

Welcome!

Peter Normark, Academy Secretary General, Managing Director

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Time & venue

Tuesday, April 25th, 10–16 in KSLA, Drottninggatan 95B, Stockholm and on Zoom.

Please note limited number of physical attendees. For participation via Zoom, link will be e-mailed the day before.

Registration & Fee

No later than 24 April in [this link](#) SEK 500 (SEK 250 fellows of KSLA) Cancellations by physical participants must be made no later than 19 April, or we will invoice SEK 500.

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Programme – Tuesday, April 25th

Moderator: Kalle Hallding, Chief Analyst and Strategic Intelligence, Vinnova

9.30 **Registration and coffee/tea**

9.50 **Connection on Zoom**

10.00 **Welcome**

Peter Normark*, Academy Secretary General and Managing Director, KSLA

Introduction. Perspective on potential technical breakthroughs in the coming 10-15 years, Kalle Hallding.

SETTING THE STAGE

Geopolitical Macro Perspective, Trade, Defense, Energy. Gunnar Hökmark, Chairman of the foreign policy think tank Stockholm Free World Forum.

How can international trade and trade rules contribute to addressing climate change. The 2022 World Trade Report explores the complex interlinkages between climate change and international trade. Mikael Anzén, Ambassador of Sweden to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Energy Prices and Security of Supply, the EU perspective and connections to climate commitments. Christian Egenhofer, Associate Senior Research Fellow, Center for European Policy Studies, CEPS.

Historical Perspective and Reflections. Per Högselius, Professor of history of technology, Royal Institute of Technology, KTH.

Questions and panel discussion.

12.15 LUNCH

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE AND OBSTACLES TO OVERCOME

13.15 **Long term scenarios for the Swedish Energy System.** Angelina Björklund project leader, Swedish Energy Agency.

Challenges for future energy systems. Ebba Löfblad, Project leader, Profu, North European Energy Perspectives Project, NEPP.

A National Bioeconomy Strategy – a Tool for the green industrial transition. Lena Ek*, special investigator.

14.15 COFFEE/TEA

14.45 **Renewable Energy from the Forestry Industry.** Mikael Källgren, Business Area Manager for Renewable Energy, SCA.

LRF's Energy Package. Lena Åsheim*, CEO, Salixenergi Europa AB. Board member, Federation of Swedish Farmers (LRF).

15.30 **Panel Discussion: Opportunities, challenges, and obstacles along the way.**

15.55 **Final Remarks.**

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