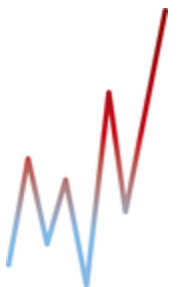




Paradoxes & dilemmas of EU's response to the IRA

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“Striving to get rid of current fossil fuel import dependencies, we create or deepen our dependencies of a different sort.”



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“In the EU, we’d like to preserve global free trade under WTO but then again, nobody likes to be the last one to observe the rules.”



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“We wish to have good transatlantic relations but at the same time, can hardly tolerate US state protectionism that impacts EU’s strategic interests.”



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“It seems sensible to try and put EU companies on par with their counterparts in China or the US but relaxing state aid rules can undermine the single market.”



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“Tax policy is a competence of EU Member States and there is no will to change that, even though tax breaks are the most effective tool to support industries.”



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“Many say that the EU needs new common financial instruments (sovereignty funds) to counter the US but we struggle to spend even the money already made available.”



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“Striving for decarbonisation entails a growing demand for many natural resources – potentially deepening other environmental pressures and problems.”



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“EU wants to support bringing mining and industrial production home but this will not do – and how should we approach our partnership with the Global South?”



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“Efforts for increased resource and industrial independence of the EU, leading to short-term emissions savings but putting international cooperation at risk.”



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“We may not like the NZIA defining strategic industrial sectors but at the same time, are not clear about what should be the future backbone of our economies.”



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“Impact analyses is what we lack in all new EU legislation but we also cannot really afford any further delays.”



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“Meanwhile, the elephant has not left the room – relying on our extraction-heavy economic model, which is clearly unsustainable in the long-run.”



Any ways forward?





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Thank you for your attention.

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