



Square Debate on European Energy Supply

21 April, 14.30, British Council Paris

4 teams representing four nations (France, United Kingdom, Germany and Russia) confront each other on a policy debate. Each team is composed of 2 speakers. The debate starts with the first speaker of France, followed by the first speaker of Germany, followed by the second speaker of France and the second speaker of Germany. The debate continues with the first speaker of the United Kingdom, followed by the first speaker of Russia and it goes on with the respective second speakers.

Each debater speaks for 5 minutes. The 1st and the last minutes are protected time: no Points of Information may be asked. During the rest of the speech, the speaker may be interrupted by Points of Information (POIs) from the opposite countries (debaters from France and UK may ask POIs to debaters representing Germany and Russia and vice versa, respectively).

Point of Information are short questions aimed to destabilize the speaker or make him clarify a certain point of his speech. A speaker may or may not accept the question, but is obliged to accept at least one during his or her speech.

The debater's performance is judged upon three criteria:

- arguments (speech coherence, team work, strategy)
- presentation (speech structure, use of rhetorical devices, humor, use of relevant examples)
- overall performance (eye contact, body language, charisma)