
LUXEMBOURG BACKTRACKS ON ENERGY CHARTER TREATY WITHDRAWAL

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Claude Turmes, the Grand Duchys energy minister who used to be at the forefront of calls to withdraw from the Energy Charter Treaty, has backtracked on his earlier statements, saying the EU should first aim to redouble efforts to reform the beleaguered post-Soviet-era charter.

Turmes, a former Green lawmaker in the European Parliament, has spearheaded efforts to reform the little-known Energy Charter Treaty, trying to build a coalition of like-minded EU countries to align the charter with the Paris Agreement on climate change.

When reform talks began in 2019, he argued that if discussions drag on for too long, the EU should consider a coordinated withdrawal.a

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