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World Energy Exchanges with Anne-Sophie Corbeau, Global Research Scholar, Center on Global Energy Policy

• What are the biggest trends impacting LNG in 2024 and how should the global industry respond to them?

Obviously, the year started with the US LNG pause which has led to very intense debate in the US with two entrenched camps - the pro-business let LNG happen and the no more LNG. What I noticed at Gastech is the bullishness of the people present (but you can expect that in Houston).

However, I can see that the world is becoming more polarised on these issues (especially when one compares to European stakeholders). I don't think anyone has really responded to the question on where the LNG demand will be. I see many being very bullish on Asia, notably on China, India and SE Asia. Still need to see how this will play out. For sure, we have seen a big rebound of LNG demand in that region in 2024.

Second trend is that there is a lot of capacity under construction, more than ever, but we can see many delays (GP, Mozambique still to be decided), some political uncertainty (Russia), a lot of uncontracted LNG (Qatar). So, the rebalancing may only happen in 2027 now.

Third is of course the still to be decided impact of the EU methane rules, which were finalized this year.

• How do you see the LNG sector evolving in the next ten years?

Difficult to see. I think how the LNG industry will navigate the next LNG supply boom will be absolutely crucial for the future of LNG. Will this incentivize new demand, that's the key question. We saw that happening during the previous boom (2015-19).

What are you most looking forward to at this edition of the World LNG Summit & Awards?

Learn something new and get some unusual considerations as answers to my question. I like the challenges.