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Solidarity and Energy Law and Policy – a closer look at the AG ‘s Opinion on the OPAL case

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Solidarity in the European Union’s energy policy - not just a political guideline but a justiciable principle of EU primary law? This is the position of the CJEU’s Advocate General who delivered his recent [Opinion in Case C-848/19 P Germany v Poland](#). He advises the Court of Justice to uphold the General Court’s earlier ruling in [Case T-883/16 Poland v Commission](#). Although the CJEU may not necessarily follow his advice, this Opinion already raises a number of interesting opportunities for discussion.

Introduction **Dirk Buschle** | Energy Community Secretariat; College of Europe

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Setting the Scene

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A Critical appraisal of the AG Opinion

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Q & A

Conclusion

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