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## Abstracts

SILVIO LABBATE, L'Italia e lo shock petrolifero del '73 tra interesse nazionale e vincoli euro-atlantici

The 1973 oil crisis shocked the whole Western world. Before the Arab OPEC countries sanctions the chances for the Arab oil producers of conditioning the Western energy policy were unlikely. In spite of that, the sanctions were fatal for those countries which strongly relied on the energy importations from the Middle East. In fact, in addition to the increases of the crude prices there was the oil boycotting against those States considered friends of Israel.

In particular, the situation was very difficult for Italy due to the serious lack of every kind of primary source. The Italian energy policies realized before 1973 caused a completely dependence on the oil importation from the Mediterranean area. The European cooperation didn't help to recover the situation because of its incapability of setting up a common energy policy. The immediate result was the inadequacy of the European community response to the retaliations of the Arab OPEC countries.

This essay focuses on the Italian position before and during the 1973 oil crisis in the framework of the international scenario. In this context, the Italian initiatives have been reviewed considering the margins of action still available after the increasing contrasts between the United States and some European partners.