The EEF would like to pay homage to Dr Rolf Linkohr, former President of the EEF, who passed away last week. Dr Linkohr, as a MEP, was instrumental in establishing the European Energy Forum 22 years ago. We are proud to be a part of Dr Linkohr’s fine European energy legacy.

**Upcoming events**

- **17 January 2017**
  RECEPTION IN STRASBOURG
  *EEF New Year reception* (18:00 to 19:00 —MEPs restaurant, European Parliament)

- **24 January 2017**
  DINNER DEBATE IN BRUSSELS
  *The Energy Union: an evening discussion with Vice-President Šefčovič*

- **6 February 2017**
  DINNER DEBATE IN BRUSSELS
  *Brexit is coming: what are the implications for the EU and UK energy markets?*

- **14 February 2017**
  DINNER DEBATE IN STRASBOURG
  *Clean Energy Package: the way forward for EU energy consumers?*

- **28 February 2017**
  DINNER DEBATE IN BRUSSELS
  *Circular Economy meets Energy Union*
News from EEF Members

**PK EE joins the EEF**

New EEF Associate Member

The Polish Electricity Association (PK EE) has joined the Forum. PK EE represents the largest electricity producers and leading industry organizations in Poland. PK EE engages in actions and projects thanks to which the Polish electricity sector can better meet the challenges related to the transformation of the energy market, ensuring security of electricity supply, competitive market with affordable electricity prices, environmental protection and development of state-of-the-art technologies.

The main representative of this association to the EEF is Pawel Wrobel, the Head of the PK EE Office in Brussels since April 2015. During the previous 5 years, he worked in the European Commission – at DG Budget and at the Cabinet of the Commissioner for budget and financial programming - dealing with energy, climate and environment portfolios. Prior to this, he worked in the European Parliament.

**IFIEC Europe becomes member of the EEF**

New EEF Associate Member

IFIEC Europe represents industrial energy users in the EU for whom energy is a key for competitiveness in Europe and throughout the world. It is based on the belief that competitive energy supply, responsible use of energy and consumer choice and flexibility are necessary for a sustainable industrial activity in Europe. It represents 14 national associations that cover a diverse set of industries including: aluminum, automobile, brewing, cement, chemical, copper, fertilizer, food, glass, industrial gases, metals, paper, pharmaceutical, plastics and steel.

Annette Loske is IFIEC Europe’s President since 2015. Prior to this she had been Managing Director at the VIK German Association of Industrial Energy Consumers between 2009 – 2015. Before this, she worked for the German federation as an expert on energy politics and economics. She also worked for the oil production company DEMINEX (later Veba Oil), where she was active in project management for oil/gas exploration and production projects in Russia and the CIS.
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Amprion, new EEF Member
New EEF Associate Member

Amprion GmbH operates a transmission system with the voltage levels of 380,000 and 220,000 volts. The key task of its some 1200 employees is to transmit electricity at competitive prices safely and reliably any time. With a length of around 11,000 kilometers, its extra-high voltage transmission system is the largest in Germany. The company is responsible for one of the largest grid areas in Europe and assumes an important task in the European interconnected system.

Matthias Dürr, the main representative of Amprion to the EEF, has been active in Brussels for more than 20 years and known the EEF from the very beginning. Since July 2016, he is the Vice-President of European Affairs of Amprion. Prior to this, he was head of the RWE Brussels Office for 12 years. He has also worked as Head of European Affairs for Alcan Germany and Head of the RAG (former Ruhrkohle) office in Brussels. From 1995 to 1997, Matthias was Energy Attaché at the German Permanent Representation dealing inter alia with the first liberalization package and during the previous 3 years was a national expert in nuclear non-proliferation at the European Commission (DG Energy).

New representative of Finnish Energy to the EEF
EEF Associate Member

Joona Turtiainen has been appointed as new Head of EU Affairs at Finnish Energy. He is located full-time in Brussels and replaces Director Pertti Salminen who left Finnish Energy at the end of 2016.

Finnish Energy is the association of 260 power and heat companies committed to putting customer in the center and achieving climate neutrality by 2050.

Mr. Turtiainen has worked for five years at Finnish Energy with climate and energy policy. He has been responsible for emission trading, 2030 framework and international climate policy. Prior to that, Turtiainen has worked at Fortum, focusing on corporate sustainability as well as energy efficiency of both generation and customers. He has also experience at Finnish energy department and private consultancy.
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**Eurelectric has a new Secretary General**

EEF Associate Member

Kristian Ruby is the new Secretary General of EURELECTRIC as of 1 January 2017.

Prior to his appointment, Kristian Ruby worked at WindEurope as part of the Executive Management team where, in his capacity as Chief Policy Officer, he was in charge of developing and implementing the political strategy of the association.

Mr Ruby previously worked as assistant to the former European Commissioner for Climate Action, Connie Hedegaard and also served, for a number of years, as a public servant in the Danish Ministries of Climate and Energy as well as Environment.

Kristian Ruby is taking up this position following the retirement of Hans ten Berge, who had been Secretary General of the association since 2007.

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**New Director for EU Affairs at EDF**

EEF Associate Member

Vincent Dufour is Director for European Affairs at EDF after having been Director for European Policies and senior advisor on European affairs, specifically following infrastructure and gas issues. Mr Dufour is the main representative of EDF to the EEF.

After graduating from Sciences Po Paris, earning a Masters degree in international relations and specializing in the management of development projects, he has held positions in Milan, Sweden, and Tokyo, and managed several financial and investment projects, for EDF, and the Invest in France Agency.

Vincent Dufour has also held several positions at GDF SUEZ (now Engie) in human resources and audit.