Editorial

2016: the year of delivery

2016 will be, according to the European Commission, a year of delivery concerning the implementation of the Energy Union. Not only EU institutions will have to work hard to accomplish this proposal, but also EU associations contributing to energy discussions with EU policy-makers. In the case of the EEF, we will continue setting up a calendar of debates on the most relevant energy topics. But before closing the chapter of 2015, we would like to highlight the cooperation with our members as they contribute to our success.

The EEF welcomed 2 new Board members: the socialist Miapetra Kumpula-Natri from Finland and the Latvian Inese Vaidere, from the EPP during the General Assembly held in April 2015. The Associate Membership of the EEF grew significantly since 6 new organisations joined the EEF in 2015: EASE (the European Association for Storage of Energy), CEEP (Central Europe Energy Partners), HR Wallingford, Centrica, SNAM and UFE (the French Union of Electricity). And 2016 starts with yet a new membership: GRDF.

Happy 2016!

Upcoming events

2016, 12 January
Dinner-debate in Brussels

Energy and Climate discussion with Commissioner Arias Cañete
At the invitation of the EEF

2016, 19 January
Dinner-debate in Strasbourg

Security of supply in electricity: elements for the 2016 legislation
At the invitation of the ENTSO-E

2016, 2 February
Dinner-debate in Strasbourg

Climate Demons or Climate Gods: the coal industry stakes its future
At the invitation of Euracoal

2016, 23 February
Dinner-debate in Brussels

Electricity Market reform: more renewables, more security of supply and at competitive cost
At the invitation of Iberdrola
Reorganising the Secretariat

The European Energy Forum exists thanks to the active implication of Active and Associate Members that make possible the organisation of the discussions. The daily management, coordination and implementation of ideas, proposals and initiatives, is carried out by the EEF Secretariat, who has been operating since the EEF was born.

The functioning of European institutions and the EU organisations operating in Brussels has seen important changes over the last years. For a membership driven association, an adaptation and continuous analysis of members’ requests and needs is crucial to provide quality services that match their demands.

In March, we let you know about the addition of a new permanent colleague to the EEF team. Now, with a mind set on providing the best-quality services, the Secretariat has been slightly reorganised under the leadership of Pascale Verheust, Director General.

Ángela Sainz Arnau is Communications and Events Officer in charge of the communication aspects of the association. She will be responsible for the conception and preparation of EEF publications and marketing materials, as well as the management of the website and the social media of the association. She will continue working on events, as this is the core mission of the EEF, but she will alternate this function with Pauline Maldague, each of them being responsible for a different event.

Pauline Maldague is the Projects and Events Officer of the EEF. She will be monitoring the work of EU institutions, centralising member’s proposals and following-up with them. She will also participate in the set up of the EEF calendar of events and will alternate with Ángela on the organisation of events.

Maud Michiels is Administrative and Financial Advisor in charge of the financial matters of the association and dealing with administrative questions from members.