Editorial

On 12 October, the EEF invites you to share your views on the upcoming electricity market design with the Engine Power Plants association.

At the end of the month, it will be interesting to discuss with Cogen the power of heat in local energy solutions ahead of the heating and cooling strategy coming up at beginning of 2015. With the revision of the EU ETS directive coming up, the EEF proposes to its members 2 debates to approach the topic from 2 different and complementary angles. In a first dinner-debate taking place in Brussels on 10 November, the oil refining and chemicals sectors will join forces to present and discuss the challenges faced by their sectors. One week later, in Strasbourg this time, Shell will discuss how the ETS reform can drive competitiveness. Both these discussions should tackle some of the pressing issues regarding ETS.

Pascale Verheust
Director General

Upcoming events

2015, 12 October  
Dinner-debate in Brussels

*Electricity Market Design: creating the right incentives to ensure security of supply at minimum cost*

At the invitation of EUGINE.

2015, 27 October  
Dinner-debate in Strasbourg

*The Power of heat: delivering high-efficiency, local energy solutions*

At the invitation of Cogen.

2015, 10 November  
Dinner-debate in Brussels

*Can industry thrive in Europe? Reconciling the EU’s climate and growth agendas*

At the invitation of FuelsEurope and CEFIC.

2015, 24 November  
Dinner-debate in Strasbourg

*The EU ETS: an engine to drive innovation and industrial competitiveness in the EU*

At the invitation of Shell.
Electricity and gas in transport - sustainable alternatives?

8 September 2015, Dinner-debate in Strasbourg
Hosted by Eurogas

The first dinner-debate organized by the EEF after the summer recess proposed two different views to discuss the pros and cons of electricity and gas as alternative fuels in road transport and shipping.

In the EU, the transport sector accounts for 25% of greenhouse gas emissions. Initiatives such as the Alternative Fuels Directive have already been taken to cope with air quality issues. Yet, infrastructure still needs to be improved or put in place to integrate alternative fuel vehicles.

Dr Gerhard Holtmeier, Board member of Eurogas and Chairman of the Natural & bio Gas Vehicle Association (NGVA), presented the main advantages of gas in transport: “compared with conventional fuels, the use of natural gas in transport can reduce CO2 emissions by up to 25% and the use of renewable gas by 95%”. Elaborating on the policies required, Dr Holtmeier underlined the importance of the implementation of the Alternative Fuels Directive to deploy adequate distribution and refueling infrastructure across Member States.

In the second part of the presentation, Senan McGrath, Chair of Eurelectric working group on electro-mobility, addressed the benefits and challenges of electricity in transport. Electric vehicles can help reduce emissions since electricity in Europe will increasingly be generated by low-emission capacities.

Kemal Önel, national expert at DG Mobility and Transport, insisted on security of energy supply in the EU as a driver to develop alternative fuels. He pointed out that today Europe’s transport system is 94% dependent on oil.

Are electricity and gas sustainable alternatives in transport? Drawing conclusions from the discussion, Dr Holtmeier recalled that diversity will be crucial to address the challenges of the future of the transport system. “Sustainable transport - just like sustainable energy generally – is not a matter of either – or. It is a matter of applying a technology where it is most suitable, applying technologies in combination with each other.”
EEF members appointments

ČEZ Group

Tomáš Pirkl joined Czech energy company ČEZ as the new Head of Brussels Representative Office in September 2015.

Previously, he represented the main business lobbying organisation of Czech employers, the Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic for more than two and half years. He was also Permanent Delegate of the Confederation to BUSINESSEUROPE. Tomáš also held the position of Correspondent of the Czech News Agency in Brussels for 5 years.

He has Master degree from Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic. He also studied at the University of Nebraska and Univeristé Paris - Sorbonne.

European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE)

Since September 2015, Julia Ioannou has been in charge of the energy storage dossier at the European Association for Storage of Energy. She is responsible for providing policy and advocacy advice to the European energy storage community.

She has previous experience in the European Public Affairs sector, especially in policies relating to water management and infrastructure, R&D and Cohesion Funds.

She holds two BAs and one MA in European Affairs from Sorbonne University.

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**Union Electricité de France**

8 October 2015, Paris

The need for synergies between growth, innovation and climate change will be the key topic at the symposium that Union Française de l’Electricité (UFE) is organising in Paris on 8 October. The event will count on the presence of Mr Laurent Fabius, French Minister for Foreign Affairs in charge of the organization of COP21, and Mr Maroš Šefčovič, Vice President of the European Commission in charge of Energy Union, who will present the European Commission perspective on the urgent need to reduce CO2 emissions.

**ENTSO-E**

20 November 2015, Brussels

ENTSO-E's Annual Conference this year will focus on the Energy Union project and will reveal ENTSO-E's Vision Package. The package contains analysis and recommendations on better regulation on energy, on market design and innovation, on security of supply, and on energy regions.