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A discussion with Commissioner Arias Cañete
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Enabling a sustainable transition in energy and marine transport
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EEF Reception

July opened up with the EEF General Assembly, followed by a reception with special guest Dominique Ristori.

The first event of the term is traditionally the election of the EEF Board by Active Members during the General Assembly. Mr. Buzek was re-elected EEF President.

During his opening speech, he thanked Active as well as Associate Members for their involvement in EEF activity, recommending they go on this way. The implementation of the energy transition represents one of the biggest challenges the EU has ever met, requiring plenty of energies and strict cooperation between all energy actors.

European Commission. Mr Buzek congratulated him for everything he has done as Director General for Energy and expressed gratitude for his long-lasting support for the EEF.

Mr. Ristori confirmed the importance of the term ahead of us. The EU should deliver energy security as well as competitiveness to enable a successful energy transition, and energy key players should not work in isolation. He underlined that the European Energy Forum plays a role in this context, building a bridge and establishing a permanent dialogue between the Commission, the Parliament and energy stakeholders. During the last legislation, such bridge contributed to the adoption of game changing Energy Union packages, Mr. Ristori explained. He finally said he will do his utmost to make sure his successor maintains this European Commission partnership with the EEF.

The reception that followed was well attended, no doubt because of the presence of a guest of honour, Mr. Ristori, Director General for Energy at the European Commission. A special place was also given to former EEF Active Members in this event. The EEF deeply thanks them for their past cooperation and wishes them all the best for their new adventures.
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New Associate Member: Elia Group

Elia Group is active in electricity transmission in Belgium and Germany. It operates 18,990 km of high-voltage connections that supply power to over 30 million end-users. Their interconnectors with neighbouring countries allow for electricity trade in wider European energy markets.

**Emeline Spire** is Head of EU Affairs for the Elia Group. Her previous positions at Elia include Head of Grid Development and Head of Energy Management. Until 2009 she worked for Powernext (now EPEX Spot) and was amongst others project lead for the first market coupling.

**Jelle Reynaert** has joined Elia in 2017 with close to 15 years of experience in EU public affairs. Previously he has been working at the Permanent Representation of Belgium to the EU and at a European level NGO in the social field.

CEPI, the European association representing the forest fibre and paper industry, announced that Jori Ringman has unanimously been appointed by the CEPI Board as successor to Sylvain Lhôte at the helm of the Brussels-based organisation.

Sylvain was the Director General of CEPI since 2016 and passed away unexpectedly on 6 June. He brought a strong leadership to the organisation, reforming the way of working, focusing on building efficient working tools and processes, encouraging synergies and increased communication among colleagues and value chain partners.

The EEF sends its thoughts to his family and loved ones.

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