



Editorial

The October sessions of the European Parliament

The European Parliament traditionally holds two plenary sessions in September in Strasbourg, during two separate weeks. In 2012, there was only one session in September and the October session was split in two: one session on 22 and 23 October and the other on 25 and 26 October. The 24 October was a day off for MEPs.

The EEF took this opportunity to organize for its members a visit dealing with relevant energy topics.

We first took the group – around 20 people – to the Euratom Joint Research Center in Karlsruhe: the Institute for Transuranium Elements. It is one of the few institutes in the world specialized in nuclear safety, radioactive waste management, control of the use of nuclear materials and radioactivity effects.

After a lunch in a typical restaurant, we visited the hydropower plant of Iffezheim, situated on the Rhine River. Equally owned by two of our associate members EnBW and EDF, it is the largest hydro-plant on the Rhine River.

continued on page 5

Upcoming events

- 06/11/2012** Dinner-debate Brussels
Development of the energy sector of the Russian Federation: Functioning of electricity and capacity market and planed projects in the Baltic Sea Region - new possibilities for cooperation with the EU
at the invitation of InterRAO
-
- 14/11/2012** Dinner-debate Brussels
Coal: the global picture
at the invitation of EURACOAL
-
- 28/11/2012** Dinner-debate Brussels
The view from an island: could the UK model deliver the aims of the Energy Roadmap 2050?
at the invitation of RWE
-
- 15/01/2013** Dinner-debate Strasbourg
Gas and renewable : Friends or Foes?
at the invitation of EUROGAS



The delegation visited the Joint Research Center - Institute for Transuranium Elements (more pictures on page 3)



Past Events



8 October 2012: Dinner-Debate in Brussels

[Power-Water: The promising nexus for economic and environmental sustainability](#) at the invitation of GE.

“Minimizing water usage in power will become increasingly important. There is a need for less water-intensive power systems, such as combining gas and renewable.” Peter Evans, PhD, Director, Global Strategy and Planning, GE Energy.



23 October 2012: Dinner-debate in Strasbourg

[Oil: a vital part of Europe’s future energy mix](#) at the invitation of EUROPIA and OGP.

“According to the IEA New Policies Scenario, oil is still expected to represent more than 25% of the EU primary energy demand in 2035.” Mr Jean-Jacques Mosconi, Senior Vice President, Refining-Base Chemicals Europe, TOTAL.

“To ensure that the considerable remaining potential of EEA indigenous production is exploited requires an enduringly competitive and stable regulatory regime.” Mr Emmanuel Haton, Director of EU Government Affairs at BP.



16 October 2012: ITAC Meeting in Brussels

The EEF Associate Members met with the Board members and the Staff at the occasion of the Industrial Technical Committee Meeting to discuss about new events and visits for the coming year. The discussions were held at the European Parliament and participants had the opportunity to express their views on the topics that should be tackled next year according to the agenda of the European Parliament.



Past Events

24 October 2012: VISIT



Giles, Chichester, MEP, Thomas Fanghänel, Director of the Joint Research Center and Jean-Pierre Michel, Director of Resource Management, Joint Research Center

[Joint Research Center—Institute for Transuranium elements and Iffezheim Hydropower plant](#) at the invitation of the EEF, with the cooperation of the European Commission and our Associate Member ENBW.

In the morning, participants were given introductory remarks on the activities of the ITU. The visit of the premises gave them an insight on the work carried out by the Institute and all showed particular interest on the application of nuclear research in the medical field, as well as in safeguard and security activities.

Mr Thomas Fanghänel, Director of the Center, explained JRC-ITU's prime objectives: "to serve as a reference centre for the fundamental properties of nuclear materials, to contribute towards effective safety and safeguards systems for the nuclear fuel cycle, to enhance nuclear security and to study technological and medical applications of radionuclides". This mission is carried out not only by recruiting high-profile professionals, but also by providing training and education of next generation scientists.



The group visited the Hot Cells facility of the ITU.

The visit of the hydro-power plant situated in Iffezheim, on the Rhine River—the border between France and Germany—, was also a unique opportunity to take an inside look at the ongoing construction of a new turbine in one of the largest hydropower stations in Europe. The plant currently has 4 turbines and the 5th one is scheduled to be operational in Spring 2013.

We would like to thank the European Commission for their support in organising the visit to the Institute for Transuranium Elements (ITU). [Click here for the report](#) of the visit published on the website of the Joint Research Centre.



Adam Gierek and Aldo Patriciello were some of the MEPs who joined the visit together with Gaston Franco, Jan Brezina, António Correia de Campos and Giles Chichester.



Giles Chichester at the Iffezheim Hydropower plant.



Participants were shown the construction site of the 5th turbine at the Iffezheim Hydropower plant.





News from Associate Members

Changes in Active Members staff



The office of Paul Rübige MEP, Vice-President of the EEF

Mr Rübige is presenting his new team to the EEF members

Thomas Benedikt THALER (right), who studied law in Innsbruck, Paris and Vienna, as well as European political and administrative studies at the College of Europe in Bruges, is in charge of issues related to the Budget Control committee and the delegation dealing with the EFTA countries. Furthermore, he is the head of the Brussels office of MEP Dr. Paul RÜBIG.

Katja SENGER (second from right) has studied Economics in Eisenstadt and Louvain-La-Neuve. She is responsible for the BUDG- and the STOA-committee, as well as for the delegation dealing with the Maghreb countries.

Issues regarding the ITRE-committee and the Arabic Peninsula delegation are dealt with by **Valeria BARBARO** (left), a graduate of International Business Administration from Milan and Bath.

Changes in Associate Members staff

ETN



Bernadett



Julie

Bernadett Parrag, Project & Communications Manager at ETN, took up a new position at the EU's new foreign service department, the European External Action Service in Brussels.

Her colleague, **Julie Linde Kjeldsen**, Policy & Communications Officer at ETN, will join the American Chamber of Commerce to the EU to work as a Policy Officer on Energy, Environment and Transport as of 19 November.

EEF thanks them for their implication and assistance in our projects during their professional experience at ETN. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Events from our members



07/11/2012

[Breakfast debate "German phase-out and its impact on Central Europe" in Brussels](#)

08/11/2012

[Workshop on Renewable Energy in the Internal Energy Market - ITRE, 8 November 2012](#)

20/11/2012

[Workshop "Business as usual? Nuclear energy after the stress tests" organised by EURELECTRIC in Brussels](#)

26/11/2012

[EWE Panel Discussion on Energy Retail Markets in Brussels](#)



Editorial (continued)

The October sessions of the European Parliament (continued)

We were short of time to visit the agro-food plant situated close by and whose energetic infrastructure, currently based at 100% on natural gas, is being transformed in order to reach an energy consumption based on natural gas (25%), on geothermal energy (25%) and on biomass (50%).

Given the interest of the MEPs during the visit, the EEF is ready to repeat this visit or organize others in the neighbourhood, for example:

- A visit of the beautiful city of Freiburg im Breisgau, the sunniest city in Germany, dedicated to renewable energies and whose architecture integrates solar panels.
- A visit of a sawmill (40 km West of Strasbourg). It is the biggest sawmill processing resinous trees in France. It is equipped with a factory manufacturing pellets for heating.
- A visit of a geothermal site could also be envisaged: a lot of projects are underway in the region
- Finally, a visit of the nuclear power plant of Fessenheim, situated just across the Rhine, some 80 km South of Strasbourg, could also be organized.

Jean-Claude Charrault
Director General