



Presentation of the speakers

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Damien Siess is the Corporate Strategy Director of the Union of the French Electricity Industry since May 2016.

Prior to this, Mr Siess held different management positions at the French Environment and Energy Management Agency (ADEME) and the Regional Directorate of Environment, Housing and Territory Planning in Brittany (DREAL Bretagne). Damien Siess started his career in 2007 at the Regional Directorate for Industry Research and Environment of Brittany (DRIRE) as Manager of the Industrial Environment Division.

He is a graduate from Ecole Polytechnique in Paris and a Corps des Mines engineer.

Christian Buchel

Vice-Chair of EDSO for Smart Grids, Chair of EDSO Policy Committee and Vice-Chair of the TSO-DSO Platform



Christian Buchel is the Deputy-CEO, Chief Digital & International Officer (CDIO), of Enedis, distribution system operator in charge of operating, developing and maintaining the medium-voltage and low-voltage power grids across 95% of France's mainland territory.

He is also Vice-Chairman of EDSO, a European association representing leading electricity distribution system companies that are cooperating to bring European Smart Grids from vision to reality.

Prior to this, Christian Buchel has held various top-management positions within the EDF Group. He has notably been Member of the Board and COO of Energie Baden-Württemberg (EnBW) in Germany as well as CEO of Electricité de Strasbourg.



In the late 1990s, Christian Buchel has also served as advisor to EDF's CEO. In his earlier career, he has held both managerial and operational responsibilities, covering the entire value chain of the electricity industry.

Christian Buchel holds an engineering degree from Ecole Supérieure d'Electricité (Supélec). Right after his studies, he has also been a research fellow at CERN, Geneva.

Anna Colucci

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Anna Colucci is currently head of the Retail markets, Coal and Oil Unit. She joined DG Energy on 1st February 2016.

From 2009 to 2012 she was head of the Strategy and Delivery unit in DG Competition and subsequently managed the State aid unit dealing with Post, Health and other services. Her interest in competition policy, however, dates back to 2002 when she joined the State aid unit in DG Move (transport policy), and subsequently became the coordinator for competitions files in the transport sector. From 1994 to 2002 she was involved in other network industries as she worked in the aviation Directorate of DG Move. She was, amongst other, in charge of the European Aviation Safety Agency.

Ms Colucci has a degree in Political Sciences from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of Strasbourg, a master in European Studies (political science) from the College of Europe of Bruges and a diploma in International Relations Studies from the Johns Hopkins University Bologna Center.