

# EEF Information Bulletin

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## Coming up

How electricity and industry can deliver on the decarbonisation objectives  
11 February 2020 - STRASBOURG

Exchange of views with the Croatian Presidency:  
moving together, into tomorrow - Oil and Gas and the Green Deal  
17 February 2020 - BRUSSELS

## All you always wanted to know on gas

Thursday 30 January 2020, Brussels

Hosted by the EEF

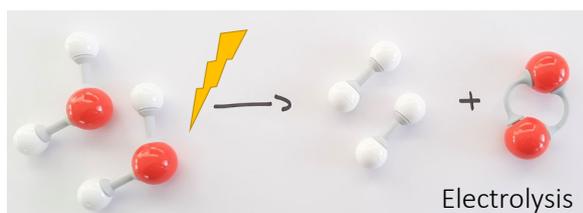
The European Energy Forum organised a briefing on gas specially prepared for MEPs Advisers and Assistants.

The EEF Team and Associate Members joined forces to propose an educational session allowing participants to gain the necessary tools to better understand gas-related issues and draw their own independent conclusions.

The informative journey started from the most basic point: chemistry. There's a lot behind the generic term "Gas" and the difference between the gases goes back to their chemical structure.



In an introductory lecture, EEF President and MEP Jerzy Buzek presented several gas molecules, among which carbon dioxide, methane and hydrogen. This was followed by an analysis of the different chemical reactions through which hydrogen can be obtained as well as of the respective by-products.



Once basics were set, a panel of speakers from different Associate Members provided an overview of the whole gas value chain, from production to off-the-grid use, through transmission and distribution.



Natural gas in all its forms, renewable gases, Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) and bioLPG were all touched upon, together with their production paths, roles in our daily life, advantages, disadvantages, room for sustainability improvement and possible future applications. The transmission and distribution system's evolution through the years, their functioning and organisation as well as their present and future ability to integrate both decarbonised and renewable gas were also explained.

The European Commission contributed to the briefing, tackling different key aspects of the gas market. The overview of the structure of today's gas market enabled participants to understand its technical and regulatory set-up, as well as the challenges for the development of renewable and decarbonised gases. The main differences between gas and electricity, together with the advantages of sector coupling were also presented. The Commission left participants with some key questions to stimulate common reflections on how to best decarbonise the sector.

The session concluded with an open discussion between speakers and participants, where notions linked to gas emissions reduction, renewable gas production costs, LNG terminals functioning, and gas quality were touched upon and clarified.

## On our members' side

### A new representative for Wintershall Dea



**Dr Peter Westhof** is the new representative of Wintershall Dea to the EEF. He became Vice President of the Wintershall Dea Representative Berlin Office in 2019, a position that includes lobbying activities in Brussels. Previous to that, he was Head of Energy Policy Wintershall Group and responsible representative offices of Brussels and Berlin. Before joining Wintershall dea in 1992, he worked for various organisations such as Robert Bosch GmbH or the German Federal Ministry of Economics.

### A new representative for EDF



Recently nominated Deputy Director for European Affairs and Head of Brussels office at EDF, **Marion Labatut** draws on 12 years of professional experience in energy and climate policies for various stakeholders at national, European and international levels. Starting as an energy project manager in Vietnam, Ms. Labatut next worked at EDF as an electricity market expert and then joined Eurelectric for six years where she became Policy director before returning to EDF.

### A new representative for Westinghouse



**Laurent Van Soen** was appointed Head of the Government affairs and Public Relations in December 2019 and will act as the new representative of Westinghouse to the EEF. Prior to that, he held various positions in both national and international business development, spending most of his carrier in New York. Additionally, he has an extensive experience with the French government. He holds an American Executive MBA and is doctorate in Financial and Economic Analysis.

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