

Newsletter



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Letter from the Publisher:

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Europe and Democracy

Grafted upon the European Parliament, our association - the European Energy Forum - advances in a particularly special environment in which the mention of democracy opens the door to controversy concerning the seat of this Parliament: Strasbourg, as it currently stands, or perhaps Brussels as a number of members of Parliament would like it to be. This Institution, demonstrating democracy par excellence, regularly sees its powers increasing...but not the choice of where it is based.



The founding European Treaties, which established the European Coal and Steel Community (signed in 1951) as well as the European Atomic Energy Community and the European Economic Community (both signed in 1957) each provide for the following in the same formulation: "The seat of the institutions of the Community shall be determined by common accord of the governments". So, these State governments, constitutionally democratic in nature, selected Strasbourg as the seat of the European Parliament.

The controversy presents us with a dilemma: democracy against democracy.

For those readers who are interested in this subject, a historical outline can be found in the appendix discussing the selection of Strasbourg for its symbolic value. Various developments in Europe relating democracy are also discussed, including, most recently those concerning the Mediterranean region.

Jean-Claude Charrault
Director General



News from the EEF

Upcoming events

19 September 2011: Dinner-debate Brussels — [ENTSOG's TYNDP 2011-2020 - There is no such thing as a crystal ball](#), at the invitation of ENTSOG

28 September 2011: Lunch-debate Strasbourg — [Why renewable energy needs a competitive Integrated Energy Market](#), at the invitation of ENTSOE

5 October 2011: Dinner-debate Brussels — [Renewable Energy Partnership for shared prosperity Power from the desert - Key contribution towards transforming energy supply in EU and Middle East and North Africa \(MENA\)](#)

25 October 2011: Dinner-debate Strasbourg — [Solar PV becoming a competitive source for mainstream power in Europe](#), at the invitation of EPIA

15 November 2011: Dinner-debate Strasbourg — [Nuclear new build in the EU - going forward the Finnish way](#), at the invitation of Fennovoima Oy

22 November 2011: Dinner-debate Brussels — [Unconventional gas, energy security, sustainability : gas a solution for the future](#), at the invitation of EUROGAS

7 December 2011: Dinner-debate Brussels — [IEA World Energy Outlook 2011: what about coal?](#), at the invitation of EURACOAL

Internal meetings

12 October 2011: ITAC (Industrial and Technical Advisory Committee) Meeting: President, Treasurer, Vice-Presidents, Board members, Associate Members and EEF secretariat attend. Invitation has been sent to those invited.

26 October 2011: Bureau Meeting: President, Treasurer, Vice-Presidents and EEF secretariat attend. Invitation will be sent in due time.



Check our *new website* for news from:

- European Parliament

<http://www.europeanenergyforum.eu/library/energy-news>

- EEF members:

<http://www.europeanenergyforum.eu/library/news-from-members>

These sections are regularly updated and we invite all those interested in posting an event to contact us!



Past events

5 July 2011: Dinner-debate: [Completing the EU energy market by 2014: Is it realistic?](#)

The coming years will be crucial if we want to complete the internal EU energy market by 2014. How can we get there? Is it an impossible challenge?



Recent developments in the electricity sector have seen Germany unilaterally deciding to phase-out nuclear, the United Kingdom introducing a national

carbon price floor and promoting nuclear via contracts for difference, Member States publishing national RES action plans which show little or no use of cooperation mechanisms...

And this comes on top of the decisions on support mechanisms for RES, energy taxes, security of supply solutions, infrastructure expansion decisions, price regulation etc. which remain largely national.

The speaker, Johannes Teyssen, Vice-President of EURELECTRIC & CEO of E.ON discussed with the audience how all this fits with the objective set by the 4 February European Council to complete the internal gas and electricity market by 2014.

They have also debated about how national solutions can be reconciled with the European objective.

1-3 September 2011 [Visit of the oil sand of Alberta, Canada](#)

The EEF was invited by the Mission of Canada to the EU for a fact finding visit to Alberta. The task of the EEF is to provide a place of information for MEPs and the invitation from Canada was a unique opportunity to get informed on the very polemic issue of oil sands.

"Visit to oil sand has given to me extraordinary opportunity to see the scale and all major dimensions of this phenomenon. Regulatory framework in Canada can play important model role for unconventional resources' use also in Europe. In face of challenges ahead of us it was extremely useful time spent in Alberta."

Konrad Szymanski, ECR, Poland



During the meetings with Pembina Institute (ENGO) and Government officials, the group got an overview



of Alberta in the world, an oil sands outline, presentation on the Alberta Climate Policy and carbon capture and storage possibilities as well as environmental issues such as water and air quality and land reclamation.



Honourable Iris Evans, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations hosted a dinner during

which a high level discussion took place.

Visits of the oil sands included in depth explanation on both oil sands mining and in



situ extraction with a short walk in a reclaimed Forest near the sites. In addition to that, the group visited Keephills 3, the most advanced coal-fired (495 MW) plant ever built in Canada and was informed on the Pioneer carbon capture and storage post-combustion project.

The visit also included the Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence.

A report of the visit will be produced soon.

EEF Associate Members



The CEA is pleased to announce that **Mrs. Dominique Mazière** has been appointed Director for European Affairs and European Research Area as of 1st of August 2011.

Her whole career was concentrated in the service of Atomic Energy Commission. She published a thesis in the field of materials dedicated to solar power (1981) and for fifteen years she has been working in the laboratory for studies on materials related to medical applications and in connection with nuclear reactors.



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Dominique Mazière also spent ten years of service to education and training (INSTN) and then as head teaching assistant to the director of the INSTN. She has also experience as manager of the climate science and the environment team and has been responsible for coordination of EU programs.



Mr Marcus Wiemann has joined The International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (OGP) as Director EU Affairs, based at the Association's Brussels office.



With a background in the energy and banking sectors, he brings varied experience to his new role. Most recently he was with Bofest consult GmbH in Ratingen, Germany, a company

that focuses on delivering innovative energy solutions for its clients. Previously, he had been Director of Energy Policy for EWE AG – Elektrizitätswerke Weser Ems AG in Oldenburg.

Mr. Wiemann's new position at OGP, which started on 1 August, marks his return to Brussels. Between 2007 and 2009 he was Director of the EU office of VNG – Verbundnetz Gas AG, a specialist in international gas importing and storage.

Mr. Wiemann emphasises the need to work with the institutions of the EU. 'As part of that,' he says 'we want to convey how the upstream oil & gas industry is committed to improving the safety and sustainability of its operations and impress on our Brussels stakeholders the benefits that the industry brings to the European economy and security of supply.'

'OGP is already well recognised as the source of sound answers to technical questions. Now the challenge is to maintain the momentum with regard to broader policy issues,' he says

New Associate Member:



The South Stream is a transnational gas pipeline project being developed for the purpose of diversifying the routes of natural gas supplies to European consumers and stipulating the conveyance of the blue fuel to South and Central Europe across the Black Sea. It is commercially driven and will generate benefits for all partners across Europe.

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Change of name:



From July 1st 2011 SHV Gas NV has changed its name to SHV Energy NV.

"The new name reflects that our company has been doing far more than selling LPG for many years and we intend to further develop our energy business within the exciting and challenging new energy arena," says SHV Energy press release.