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Editorial

On the EEF agenda these days

A successful briefing session for MEP assistants took place last week and the EEF wishes to thank its members for bringing their knowledge to build a factual and neutral presentation. The topic was the presentation of the technological facts that help to understand how the power system works. A second session will take place on 2nd of July on the market perspectives of the integration of RES into the power system. We invite our Active Members to send their assistant to this session and our Associate Members to take part as well.

In September, the EEF organises a 2-day visit to Finland, to discuss the transport sector's role in achieving the ambitious energy and climate objectives.

The visit will include a high level dinner and the visit of the first large-scale commercial renewable diesel refinery. It will take place in Porvoo, Finland, on 17 and 18 September 2015. Please contact the EEF secretariat if you are interested in this visit.

And before summer holiday starts, do not miss our dinner-debate with Commissioner Oettinger next week in Strasbourg!
Happy summer to all!

Pascale Verheust
Director General

Upcoming events

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| 02/07/2015 | Briefing for MEP assistants in Brussels
<i>Integrating larger shares of RES into the power system: market perspectives</i>
At the invitation of EEF |
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| 07/07/2015 | Dinner-debate in Strasbourg
<i>Energy Policy and the Digital Single Market</i>
Guest Speaker: Commissioner Günther Oettinger
At the invitation of EEF |
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| 07/09/2015 | Dinner-debate in Strasbourg
<i>Gas in transport, a sustainable alternative?</i>
At the invitation of Eurogas |
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| 17-18/09/2015 | Visit to a renewable diesel refinery in Finland
<i>Refining the EU Low-Carbon Energy Future: The Role of High-Quality Biofuels in Powering the Future of Transport</i>
At the invitation of Neste |
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| 12/10/2015 | Dinner-debate in Brussels
<i>Electricity Market Design: creating the right incentives to ensure security of supply at minimum cost</i>
At the invitation of Eugine |
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| 27/10/2015 | Dinner-debate in Strasbourg
<i>The power of heat</i>
At the invitation of Cogen |
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| 10/11/2015 | Dinner-debate in Brussels
<i>Can industry thrive in Europe? Carbon leakage post-2020 seen by the Refining and Chemical industries</i>
At the invitation of Cefic and Fuels Europe |

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Gas infrastructure projects in a post-South Stream environment – is investing still attractive?

09/06/2015, Dinner-debate in Strasbourg

Hosted by Wintershall



The debate hosted by Wintershall, Germany's largest company active in the exploration and production of oil and gas, took place a few months after the cancellation of the South Stream pipeline project. This event was an occasion to debate the future of the European gas market and infrastructure.



In his speech, Heiko Meyer, Vice President Strategy and Portfolio Management at Wintershall, highlighted the role natural gas could play in EU's energy mix in the future. More environmentally friendly than other fossil fuels, natural gas can be a suitable resource to achieve Europe's transition to decarbonisation, especially when used with additional clean technologies.



EU gas consumption is mainly supplied by domestic production, Russia, Norway, Algeria and Qatar, via pipelines or LNG. This reflects a well-diversified situation in terms of origin of gas for the EU as a whole. The picture is however different when looking at the level of the regions; some European areas are dependent on a single source for gas supply or rely on LNG.



According to Wintershall, *“desirable diversification of sources and routes can make new investments [in infrastructure] necessary”*. Part of the future import demand will be supplied by additional LNG imports. Investment in storage facilities will also be needed to ensure security of supply. With this view, the European Commission is preparing a LNG and Gas Storage Strategy together with the revision of the Regulation on Security of Gas Supply, recalled Hans van Steen, Head of International relations and Enlargement at DG Energy. Finally, the necessary transmission infrastructure must also be in place inside the EU to bring gas to where it is needed.

In a lively discussion, Members of the European Parliament and industry representatives exchanged views on the conditions required to encourage investments into import infrastructure outside the EU as well as in transmission infrastructure within the EU.

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Integrating larger shares of RES into the power system— Session 1: technology perspectives

25/06/2015, Briefing for MEP assistants in Brussels

Hosted by the EEF



On the request of MEP assistants, the European Energy Forum has prepared a 2-session briefing focused on the integration of renewables in the electricity grid. The first session offered a **technological perspective** on the electricity system. EEF Associate members joined forces to prepare a presentation that would state the facts and be as neutral as possible.



A panel of 3 speakers from different industries moderated by **Ryszard Pawlik**, advisor to MEP Jerzy Buzek, offered a comprehensive overview on the state of play of the electricity system in Europe and its future perspectives. As always, the European Commission was present to complement the interventions.



Michael Mieszczański, Communication Advisor of ENTSO-E, introduced the particular characteristics of electricity. He then presented an analysis of the power system structure in the EU and the evolution of Europe's energy mix in the last years.

His speech was followed by the intervention of **Alfredo Parres**, head of ABB's Wind Industry Sector and Member of the Board of the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA). Mr Parres made an introduction on the importance of ancillary services to ensure the stability of the electricity system and the future of the grids in Europe.



Patrick Clerens, Secretary General of the European Power Plant Suppliers' Association (EPPSA), took the floor to describe the different types of technologies available to generate power and the technological possibilities to increase flexibility and efficiency and reduce emissions, which are top priorities for the new Commission.

Kostis Sakellaris, Policy Analyst Economic Officer at DG Energy thanked the EEF for this "*objective view on the physics rather than on politics*". The presentations triggered different questions and remarks from the audience. All Associate members in the audience could take part in the discussion and give further explanations depending of their field of work.

The second session of the briefing will focus on the **market aspects** of the integration of renewables and will take place on 2nd July



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News from EEF Members

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The EEF is pleased to welcome Hitachi as a new member. Hitachi Ltd. headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, delivers innovations that answer society's challenges with proven experience in global markets. Hitachi is focusing more than ever on the Social Innovation Business, which includes infrastructure systems, information & telecommunication systems, power systems, construction machinery, high functional materials & components, automotive systems, health care and others.

At EEF events, Hitachi will be represented by Mattia Dalle Vedove, EU Energy Policy manager at Hitachi Ltd. Corporate Office in Brussels. Before joining Hitachi, he worked as Parliamentary Assistant in the European Parliament in the TRAN and ITRE Committees. Prior to that he worked as transport policy officer at Veneto Region Office in Brussels. He holds a Master degree in European Studies from University of Padua (Italy).

Energy News



EUSEW

The 10th edition of the EU Sustainable Energy week in Brussels was much focused on the key priorities set by the Energy Union framework. It was an opportunity to launch joint discussions on the challenges that this new policy framework will bring. These challenges will be key topics to be discussed further after the summer recess. Energy efficiency and consumers empowerment were 2 recurrent topics of the EUSEW.

2700 stakeholders and EU citizens took part in the conferences in Brussels and 670 related events were organized across the EU. Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič, Commissioner Arias Cañete, Professor Fatih Birol from the IEA or MEP Jerzy Buzek and Claude Turmes were some of the key personalities participating in the policy conference this year.
