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Upcoming events

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DINNER DEBATE IN STRASBOURG

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Securing energy supply with trans-border electricity flows: the view of Central European electricity TSOs


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Energy market design: keep all doors open to innovation

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DINNER DEBATE IN STRASBOURG

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Brexit impact on nuclear energy: how to ensure a smooth transition

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DINNER DEBATE IN STRASBOURG

- 
Retail markets in the Clean Energy Package: The electricity industry and consumers debate

EEF Events

Advanced biofuels from waste and residues: the key to achieving ambitious and sustainable transport decarbonisation with RED II

4 September, Brussels

EEF dinner-debate hosted by NESTE



The RED II proposal includes new criteria for the use of biofuels in the transport sector: definition of advanced biofuels, minimum share of advanced biofuels production and phase-down of biofuels produced from food or feed crops. These issues were at the center of the discussion during the first dinner-debate after the summer chaired by MEP Jo Leinen, member of the EEF for many years.

The biofuels industry is concerned about certain aspects of the new proposal. According to **Simo Honkanen**, Senior Vice President of Sustainability and Public Affairs at **Neste**, the RED II could limit the production of cost-efficient biofuels from waste and residues. Annex IX part A and B include the approved feedstocks for biofuel production, but some waste and residues are not included in the legislation. If the new directive is approved as it is now, that could lead to a shortage of available feedstocks in the market place with the consequent price increase, according to NESTE's representative. This risk may also have an impact on the development of the biofuels industry and be an obstacle for Member States to reach the emissions reduction target.

Giacomo Rispoli, Executive Vice President Portfolio Management & Supply and Licensing at **Eni**, insisted on the lack of advanced biofuels in the market at present. Eni is increasing biofuel production by converting existing oil refineries into biofuel refineries. This R&D project has provided important industrial results and they expect that the new legislation will not jeopardise what has been done so far. In line with this principle, the new legislation should consider the current obligation of 10% renewable fuels in transport, as well as maintaining the CAP of 7% of conventional biofuels out of this 10%.

The Commission has put forward a proposal which is *"comprehensive, ambitious, clear and balanced"*, according to **Paula Abreu Marques**, Head of Unit for Renewables and CCS Policy at **DG Energy**. Biofuels will help reducing reliance on fossil fuels in the transport sector, but these will have to comply with sustainability criteria. Hence the decision of the Commission's proposal to promote a gradual increase of advanced biofuels and a phase-down of food and crop based biofuels.

EEF Events

Energy Efficiency First – Insights from the chemical industry

12 September, Strasbourg
EEF dinner-debate hosted by CEFIC



Discussions on the proposal for a revised Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) mainly focused on setting the right level of ambition through targets. Cefic, the umbrella organisation of the European chemical industry, wished to refocus the debate on how these targets can concretely be achieved.

Over the past decade, the European chemical industry has invested heavily in energy efficient processes resulting in reduced energy consumption and increased production. New energy efficiency measures also represent an opportunity for the industry to develop innovative materials and solutions, especially in the building sector. Despite positive developments, **Marco Mensink**, Director General of Cefic, expressed some concerns about a potential overlap between the EED and the EU ETS. It could prove difficult for some Member States to meet the revised energy efficiency targets without touching sectors already participating in the EU ETS.

Cefic invited the European Alliance to Save Energy (EU ASE), the leading European business organisation representing industrial sectors engaged in energy efficiency, to participate in the debate. EU ASE President, **Monica Frassoni**, agreed that the proposed directives would help realise energy savings, mainly through building renovation. But experience in Europe has shown that this can only happen if clear targets are defined as proposed by the European Commission. EU ASE and the European Commission both support the continuation of the annual savings obligation (Article 7) in the revised directive. This obligation has helped achieve half of the energy efficiency target.

On the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), **Mechthild Wörsdörfer**, Director at DG Energy, stressed the importance of linking the legislation on the energy performance of residential and non-residential buildings with the transport sector. This would leave the possibility to integrate electric vehicles infrastructure at a later stage. The European Parliament rapporteur on the EPBD, MEP **Bendt Bendtsen**, expressed his support for ambitious targets.

News from members

Bendt Bendtsen, new Active Member of the EEF



MEP Bendt Bendtsen

The EEF is pleased to welcome Mr Bendtsen as Active Member. Mr **Bendtsen** has been a member of the European Parliament for the Conservative People's Party since 2009. He sits in the Committee for Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) and is member of the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China, as well as substitute of the International Trade Committee (INTA) and the Delegation for relations with the United States.

Before becoming MEP, Mr Bendtsen was member of the Danish Parliament for 15 years (1994-2009). During this period, he was Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economic and Business Affairs in Denmark from 2001 to 2008 and chairman of the Konservative Folkeparti (Conservative People's Party) from 2000 to 2008. He was also Vice-Chairman of the International Democratic Union (IDU) from 2005 to 2010 and Vice-President of SME Europe from 2013 to 2014. Before being elected to the Danish Parliament, he worked in the police force from 1975 to 1999.

FORATOM has a new Director General

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Yves Desbazeille,
Director General of FORATOM

FORATOM, the trade association representing the European nuclear industry, has announced that Yves Desbazeille has been appointed its new Director General. He succeeds Jean-Pol Poncelet, who stepped down after six years.

Yves Desbazeille is French and graduated in electrical engineering from the Ecole Supérieure d'Electricité ("SUPELEC") in France in 1991 and studied an MBA program in the early 2000s. During his successful career Yves Desbazeille has been involved in different businesses and responsibilities at EDF: nuclear engineering, hydro and thermal power projects management in France, USA and Asia, where he worked for 5 years. His last position as EDF representative for energy in Brussels has provided him with an in-depth knowledge of the EU institutional affairs and EU stakeholders, as well as the energy and climate stakes for Europe.