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## State of the Energy Union: Building on the last 5 years to shape the future : A discussion with Commissioner Arias Cañete

#### 15th July 2019, Strasbourg

#### Hosted by the EEF

Before the summer break, the EEF held a dinner-debate to offer its Members as well as newlyelected MEPs the chance to discuss with Commissioner Arias Cañete about the past, present and future of European energy policy.



According to the Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, what we are going through is not simply an energy transition, but rather an energy revolution representing a huge global challenge. With its ambitious targets and legislation, as well as the climate financial support it provides to developing countries, the European Union presents itself as the most serious player in the international energy playing field.

The last five years of European energy policy have been instrumental to prove the EU commitment to combat climate change. The Commission worked hard to successfully establish the Energy Union, but this would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of both the Council of the European Union and the Parliament, the latter being ahead of the game and even more ambitious than the Commission itself.



Member States' will to work together to implement the Paris Agreement was also reflected in the new Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union and by the recent submission of their National Energy and Climate Plans. Although there is still room for improvement, this clearly showed a good first step towards the final climate neutrality goal. The Commission long-term strategy published in November is also here to help.



Energy policy has been put in place to unite Europe by bringing territories together as well as ensuring security of supply. Some Member States still have concerns about the possible economic, financial and social implications of the energy transition, further means to guarantee the fairness of such process are needed.

The Commission has done a lot, but further work is required. Targets are meaningless without legislation, and ambitious targets call for ambitious legislation. This requires broad political support and a strong cooperation between all European Institutions.

Happy about the unique opportunity of being Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, Commissioner Arias Cañete assured he will be active and do his best until the very final day of his mandate.

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# ON OUR MEMBERS' SIDE

### MEP Liudas Mažylis becomes Active Member



Liudas Mažylis lithuanian MEP, is member of the Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats).

Mr Mažylis sits on the ENVI Committee of the European Parliament and is substitute in INTA. He is also member of the Delegation for relations with Belarus and Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly.

## MEP Juozas Olekas becomes Active Member



Juozas Olekas lithuanian MEP, is member of Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament.

Mr Olekas sits on the of the AGRI Committee of the European Parliament and is substitute in AFET and SEDE Committees.



We hope that you enjoyed your time out of the office and wishe you a happy and energic welcome back in Brussels. We are looking forward to seeing you at our next dinner-debates on energy climate and transport, for always more knowledge sharing experiences.

More information on www.europeanenergyforum.eu

### Warm welcome to Marilena D'auria



This month, **Marilena** starts her 3 months "**Erasmus +**" experience. She will work as an intern on EEF events and on EU legislation. Marilena is Italian and is completing a post-graduate in International Relations and European Studies at the University of Florence. We wish her a fruitful experience in the energy world.