

# Information Bulletin



## Editorial

### New framework for an Energy Union

On 25 February, the European Commission published its much expected framework for an energy union following President Juncker's guidelines.

The Commission identified 3 priority areas of action: competitiveness, sustainability and security of supply. After a thorough presentation by Vice-President Šefčovič and Commissioner Arias Cañete, questions remain on this package. Among others one could ask how it will interact with the other legislation such as the 2030 climate and energy framework or how the work will be organised given the new structure of the European Commission.

The EEF is pleased to offer its members a unique opportunity to ask their questions and discuss these important issues with Vice-President Šefčovič himself at a high level debate later this month.

**Pascale Verheust,**  
Director General

## Upcoming events

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| <b>10/03/2015</b> | Dinner-debate in Strasbourg<br><i>Safe oil &amp; gas production to support Europe's energy supply</i><br>At the invitation of the <b>IOGP</b>                          |
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| <b>11/03/2015</b> | Internal meeting in Strasbourg<br><i>Board meeting</i><br>At the invitation of EEF   |
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| <b>23/03/2015</b> | Dinner-debate in Brussels<br><i>An evening discussion with Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President for Energy Union</i><br>At the invitation of the <b>EEF</b>                  |
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| <b>01/04/2015</b> | Internal meeting in Brussels<br><i>Industrial Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)</i><br>At the invitation of the <b>EEF</b><br>Associate Members and EEF Board attend |
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| <b>14/04/2015</b> | Dinner-debate in Brussels<br><i>Flexible back-up: power plants technology for the future energy mix</i><br>At the invitation of the <b>EU Turbines</b>                 |
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**How to integrate up to 60% renewables to the EU power system: ENTSO-E on why transmission infrastructure is key in meeting EU's 2030 climate and energy objectives**  
*10/02/2015, Dinner-debate in Strasbourg*

During this dinner-debate, **Mr Pierre Bornard**, Chairman of the Board of ENTSO-E and Deputy CEO of RTE, introduced ENTSO-E's 2014 Ten-Year Network Development Plan (TYNDP). The TYNDP explains what pan-European transmission infrastructure would be necessary to integrate between 41% and 60% of renewable energy sources by 2030.



Undeterred by the use of acronyms, Mr Bornard gave a clear presentation on the hardware (infrastructure) and software (regulation) components of the integration of RES to the EU power system. Stressing that "a very challenging energy transition is on track", he elaborated on the opportunities and challenges behind the two components.

**Mr Florian Ermacora**, who heads a Unit in charge of the regulatory aspects of the Internal Energy Market at DG Energy, confirmed a convergence of views between the European Commission and ENTSO-E on the major role played by transmission infrastructure. However, he added, "the challenges of integrating renewables go much further than just infrastructure". The lack of public acceptance, lengthy permit granting procedures and the update of the market design were among the other challenges discussed by the speakers



The good presentations stimulated a lively round of questions and answers with the Members of the European Parliament. The issues raised during the session included capacity markets and the flexibility of demand as well as energy storage as a complementary solution to interconnectors.



Shortly after the dinner took place, the Energy Union package published by the European Commission has confirmed that ENTSO-E, the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity, would be a key contributor to the transformation of the EU energy system.

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### The IEA's World Energy Outlook 2014: What are the Implications for the EU's 2030 Climate and Energy Framework?

*24/02/2015: Dinner-debate in Brussels*

**Dr Fatih Birol**, who will take office as Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA) next September, was invited to provide an overview on the state of play of energy policies and trends following the publication of IEA's World Energy Outlook last November. EEF members were invited to join the debate and discuss the Agency's recommendations in a dinner-debate hosted by Westinghouse. Their choice of a high level keynote speaker and a topic of general energy interest had a positive impact both on the quality of the debate and on members' participation.



Dr Birol presented 7 observations on the current EU's energy context that touched upon low **oil prices**, **security of supply**, **renewables**, **gas** and **nuclear energy**, **climate targets** and **high energy costs**. Dr Birol recalled that Europe is not an energy island and EU decisions have consequences at international level, as well as the global context influences the EU. Concerning security of supply, the EU is experiencing a reduction of gas production, nuclear capacity and coal power generation, which means Russian gas will continue to be important, as renewables alone will currently not be able to cover the decline of the other energy sources.



**Mechthild Wörsdörfer**, Director for Energy Policy at DG Energy, explained that some of the topics addressed by Dr Birol were tackled in the energy union package that was going to be released the day after. Competitiveness, sustainability and security of supply were the 3 priorities of the new Commission's framework. Ms Wörsdörfer provided her remarks on the observations of the previous speaker. Regarding nuclear energy, she agreed with Dr Birol that nuclear is a key low carbon source. Within the EU, 14 member states have nuclear power plants and the other half doesn't. The future challenges on this field, she said, are notably the establishment of high nuclear safety standards and the provision of funds for decommissioning.



A **detailed report** about the dinner-debate is available upon request.



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### The EEF team is growing



Pauline Maldague

In an effort to develop its activities and provide an ever growing service to its members, the EEF welcomes **Pauline Maldague** as a permanent staff member at the EEF Secretariat. Her name may already sound familiar since she first undertook a five-month internship with us starting last September. Pauline will now work on the organisation of EEF events together with her colleague .

### Who is who in the team

**Pascale Verheust**, the Director General, heads the office with over 15 years' experience in energy. She speaks French, English, Spanish and Dutch and has some knowledge of German.

**Maud Michiels** is responsible for administrative and financial issues and occasionally helps with dinner-debates. Any question regarding membership can be asked to her, she will gladly help you. She speaks Dutch, French and English.

**The event organiser** deals with the events organisation and communication, with a background in journalism, languages, EU policies and communication. Do you want to contact her in your mother tongue? Well there is plenty of choice, chose from any of the following languages : Spanish, Catalan, English, French and Italian.

**Pauline Maldague**, the latest recruit, is responsible for events organisation together with the event organiser. With a background in European studies and in languages, she provides the team with an unusual knowledge of Chinese. She also speaks French, English and Dutch.

