

Information Bulletin

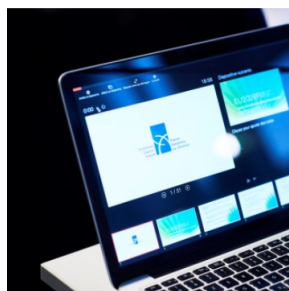
January 2021



Best wishes from the EEF
Team



MEP Pernille Weiss
Active Member of the EEF



New Online Briefing
on the EEF Programme



EEF End of the Year
Virtual Drink

Happy New Year!

We look forward for a new year of great cooperation and fruitful energy discussions with all our Members.

May your 2021 be filled with love, happiness, health, and a lot of good energy!

Pascale, Giuditta, and Maud

On the EEF Programme

Energy-intensive industries: an outline of different needs for different industries

Friday 22 January; 10:00—12.00 a.m. (CET)

Online Briefing for MEP Advisers via Webex—registration required

EEF Members updates

MEP Pernille Weiss becomes Active Member of the European Energy Forum

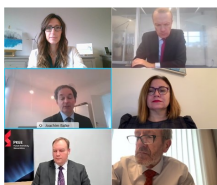


MEP Pernille Weiss is a Member of the Conservative People's Party of Denmark and belongs to the Group of the European People's Party. Ms Weiss was elected to the European Parliament in 2019. She is a Member of the ENVI and ITRE Committees as well as the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly. She has previously managed her own company and she holds a degree in Health Science. Ms Weiss is passionate about energy efficiency, especially in relation to the water and building sectors.

Offshore Renewable Energy: how could wind power contribute? - 10

December 2020

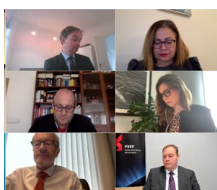
Following the publication of the European Commission's EU Offshore Renewable Energy Strategy, the EEF offered its Members an opportunity to discuss how wind can develop in the coming years.



Giles Dickson, CEO of Wind Europe, first offered a broad overview of wind energy in the EU, the way it is expected to grow, and the potential for offshore wind development. Onshore and offshore wind both contribute to the EU GDP and job creation. Importantly, wind power is nearly all made in the EU. Increasing offshore wind capacity calls for the development of hybrid grid plans to save money, space, and improve energy flows across the EU. A clear legal enabling framework is needed for this to happen. Wind energy is among the cheapest energy sources, yet it requires big upfront capital investments. A revenue stabilization mechanism, e.g. Contracts for difference, could help minimize the financial costs, lowering the cost of wind energy from 92/MWh to 50/MWh.



Focusing on Poland, **Tomasz Dąbrowski, Director of PKEE** explained the country recently approved a draft offshore support scheme act, setting the basis for the significant deployment of offshore renewable energy, considered key to transforming the Polish energy sector. On grid connections and infrastructures, the company's vision is that EU regulation should first boost the potential of the most advanced projects, being those connected radially to the national power system. When discussing the creation of new market areas for offshore wind, the EU should ensure these do not jeopardize the business certainty of ongoing projects. Investment and support schemes for those country where offshore wind is yet not sufficiently developed remain crucial to avoiding any excessive increase in electricity prices during the transition period.



Joachim Balke, Head of Unit Networks & Regional Initiative, DG ENER, said the Commission recognizes that the objectives set by the strategy are particularly challenging, requiring a strategic approach. First, long-term planning is key. This should be done in a forward-looking manner, based on coordination among Member States, and integrating their transition needs and objectives. Second, a favorable, predictable, and future-proof framework for investors and operators is required. This will entail some work both on the regulatory side, and on the instruments to support the competitiveness of the sector. Third, work is needed to strengthen the EU industry leadership in the sector, via the identification of the parts of the supply chain that need upgrading, and with the help of both cooperation fora and the EU financing instruments.

President of the EEF MEP Jerzy Buzek, Director of the EEF MEP Sean Kelly, EEF Active Members MEPs Maria Spyraiki and Radan Kanev, as well as MEPs Pernille Weiss, Nicolás González Casares, and Mikulas Peksa all shared their opinions and put several questions as well as considerations on the floor, kicking off an extensive and far-reaching discussion with the speakers.

End of the Year Virtual Drink

End of the Year Virtual Drink - 16 December 2020



The EEF Active Members, Associate Members, and the Team met virtually for a last meeting before the winter holidays. This event was a great occasion to better get to know one another while having a chat and some fun too.

The EEF Team had indeed prepared a quiz game for the guests. Divided into teams, the EEF Active and Associate Members did their best to find the right answers – a different yet amusing way to work together in a field different from the energy one.

Once the winning team declared, all participants shared their thoughts on energy, their wishes for the next year and raised a glass of their favorite drink for a virtual toast to mark the end of 2020 and welcome year 2021, hoping it will be filled with joy, health, and objectives achieved. Let's hope a wind of change will blow on 2021!

The very informal, relaxed, and Christmassy atmosphere made it so that all participants felt at home, sharing some good moments together with the EEF family.