



# EEF INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## COMING UP IN 2019 !



**EEF New Year Reception**  
8 January 2019 - BRUSSELS



**Can the EU afford to leave rural areas behind in its energy transition?**  
15 January 2019 - STRASBOURG

Mr. Steven Sels – CEO of Primagaz France, an SHV Energy company  
Mr. Ilias Vazaios – Managing Partner at Ecuity Consulting  
Speaker from the European Commission tbc



**A post COP24 discussion with Commissioner Arias Cañete**  
29 January 2019 - BRUSSELS



**An evening discussion with Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič**  
18 March 2019 - BRUSSELS



## Financing the energy transition of coal-dependant regions

Tuesday 13 November, Strasbourg

Hosted by PKEE

Energy and climate issues are central to the ongoing discussions on the future EU Budget. Within this framework, the EEF dedicated a dinner-debate to an exchange of views on how to finance the energy transition of coal-dependant regions. The event was hosted by the Polish Electricity Association (PKEE).

**Mr Filip Grzegorzczak**, CEO of Tauron Polska Energia, said the EU and its Member States should "*find a just solution to secure a just energy transition*". According to him, a forced decarbonization would risk jeopardising security of supply as well as being economically and socially harmful, especially for coal-dependent regions likely to lose business competitiveness and to suffer from high rates of job loss and subsequent unemployment.



This does not make PKEE an enemy of decarbonization: PKEE supports the EU ambitious climate and energy targets but claims everyone should be able to choose its own accomplishment path, so as for Europe to be united in diversity. PKEE believes that the European Parliament proposal to establish a Just Energy Transition Fund (JETF) represents a good starting point, just as the other EU financing instruments already in place – the Cohesion Fund, the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), and the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). Nevertheless, they would not suffice to complete a just transition and should thus be increased.



The future of coal regions matters to the European Commission, as underlined by **Mrs Anna Colucci**, head of the Retail markets at the Coal and Oil Unit of DG Energy. Aware of the challenging character of the energy transition, the EC underlines the need to ensure every region can benefit from the programmes already in place through the adoption of a holistic approach. To facilitate this, the Coal Regions in Transition Platform was launched in December 2017, while a Secretariat for it will soon be established.

By providing all different actors involved in the transition with the chance to share knowledge and best practices, this initiative helps coal-dependent regions set out and implement concrete strategies. As stated by Ms Colucci, such strategies are fundamental because "*without thinking where you want to go it's then very difficult to see what projects are needed*". As for financing, the EC welcomes the JETF creation put forward by the EP and has proposed an increase from 20% to 25% in climate spending within the new MFF 2021-2027. However, it also stresses the importance to work with the already-existing tools, which are already delivering tangible results the EC is proud of.



## Nord Stream 2 or real diversification: challenges of the internal gas market

Tuesday 20 November 2018, Brussels

Hosted by PGNiG

The EEF annual calendar of events has come to an end. The last dinner-debate of the year, hosted by PGNiG, was dedicated to the highly-debated topic of diversification of gas supplies.

Mr. Piotr Woźniak, CEO of PGNiG SA, expressed some concerns on the potential negative impacts of the project Nord Stream 2 (NS2) now under construction, touching upon issues related to the environment, the security of supply and the need to ensure real diversification within the EU. He insisted on a concrete application of the Third Energy Package to ensure NS2 project meets all the required standards. Strategies to achieve real diversification should also be focused on and implemented, so as to avoid any pressure on supply routes. These should be based on two pillars: the production and transportation of gas from Norway to Poland through the construction of the Baltic Pipe and a major role for LNG.



Internal Gas Market Directive is key, as it would make the existing energy law enforceable to every onshore and offshore gas interconnector with third countries, including NS2 but not limited to it. As for the security of gas supply, Mr. Moser stressed the importance for Member States to work together to optimize the different tools at their disposal. The relevant 2017 Regulation has put in place a framework suitable to ensure they cooperate more closely to address the risks associated with supply sources. Reverse flows and LNGs also have an important role to play in this regard. All this considered, the European Commission is confident Europe energy vulnerability is progressively coming to an end.



Mr. Stefan Moser, Security of Supply Head of Unit in DG Energy, EC, said building a well-functioning, competitive and diversified internal energy market is a priority for the European Commission. Thus, the main principles of the EU energy union (third-party access, non-discrimination and unbundling) must be applied to and respected by all existing or projected gas infrastructures, so as to ensure their equal treatment. To this end, the amendment of the



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## ON OUR MEMBERS' SIDE

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### A New representative for PKEE



**Polish Electricity Association (PKEE)** has appointed **Witold d'Humilly de Chevilly** as its new Head of Brussels Office to represent interests of the Polish electricity sector in Brussels towards both EU institutions and private stakeholders.

He previously worked for the European Parliament as policy adviser following the ITRE Committee where he mainly covered the Clean Energy Package. Mr de Chevilly studied international relations in Belgium at ULB and in Poland at the College of Europe where he obtained a post master in Political Sciences. He speaks fluently English, French and Polish.

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### Welcome to Valentino Rossi, from ENEL



**Valentino Rossi** recently joined the Enel Brussels office as the **Head of Public Affairs, Regulation and Antitrust for Europe and Euro-Mediterranean Affairs**. He is the former Head of Business Development for Enel Green Power and has been with the Enel Group for more than 10 years in a variety of roles including Head of Strategy, Mergers and Acquisitions for Enel and the Chief Financial Officer for 3SUN. He is now permanently based in Brussels and looks forward to meeting fellow members of the EEF at upcoming events.

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## EEF TEAM

### Thank you



End of November, **Giuditta** finished her 3-months Erasmus+ internship in our office. This training period with Giuditta enabled us to better understand the value of the **Erasmus+ programme**.

The EEF team made every effort to provide her with the possibility to get the best out of her internship, by making it a 360-degree experience and immersion in the daily work and life of the Forum. Being involved in the EEF reality, she also had the chance to enhance her knowledge of the energy dimension, as well as to get to know the European Institutions more closely.

On her part, Giuditta helped carry out the daily activities. Within the EEF team, she was in charge of doing research on the EU Energy legislation, but also contributed to the practical organisation of the dinner-debates, as well as to the preparation of the monthly and annual publications. Giuditta provided the team with her knowledge, fresh ideas and eagerness to learn and do a excellent job. We wish her all the best in her new endeavours.

Happy about these past months and glad to have decided to be part of this European programme, the EEF now looks forward to welcoming its next intern Luca in few weeks, so as to make another rewarding and enriching international working experience.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL

From the European Energy Forum

