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DINNER DEBATE IN STRASBOURG

***Urban Air Quality and traffic emissions: How Euro6d and emission control technology will address the problem***



20 February 2017

DINNER DEBATE IN BRUSSELS

***Research and innovation: an evening discussion with Commissioner Moedas***

## EEF Events

### ***2018 - Looking Ahead to a New Year in Energy Policy***

***22 January, Brussels***

***Reception hosted by the EEF***



The year started at a high-level, as the EEF had the honour of welcoming Dominique Ristori, Director-General for Energy at the European Commission, to its New Year reception. In his address to EEF Members, Mr Ristori took stock of the EU's energy policy agenda for 2018.

EEF President Jerzy Buzek thanked Director-General Ristori for his fruitful cooperation with the EEF through the active participation of DG ENER's representatives to each of EEF dinner-debates. He also underlined the ever growing support from MEPs and industry to the Forum. Both Dominique Ristori and Jerzy Buzek agreed on the importance of discussion and exchange of views between the Parliament, the Commission and the industry as an added-value when developing policies. 2017 was the year of Energy Union implementation, one of Europe's most intense years when it comes to energy policy. In 2018, EU policy-makers will continue negotiations with trilogues being opened on 9 key energy dossiers.

**Director-General Ristori** informed on the EU Energy Poverty Observatory (launched on 29 January) to support decision-making and encourage public engagement. This initiative will be followed by the launch of a new Clean Energy Industrial Forum in February with the aim of helping the EU's industry take advantage of the growth opportunities arising from the clean energy transition. He stressed the need to develop a new European industrial basis in support of energy. In 2018, Europe will also work to solve the challenge of storage in the development of renewables.

**Jerzy Buzek** gave the floor to Associate Members of the EEF. The European Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSO-G) and Electricity (ENTSO-E), took the opportunity to underline the growing cooperation between the gas and the electricity sectors, which was discussed in a dinner-debate co-hosted by both organisations in April last year.

This first briefing on the upcoming programme on the EU's energy agenda was a moment for an informal exchange of views with EU policymakers and other representatives of energy organisations. The agenda of the EEF is building up and will take good account of the new key issues in the 2018 landscape.

### News from EEF members

#### EUROFER joins the EEF



*Axel Eggert*  
Director General of EUROFER

The European Steel Association (**EUROFER**) has joined the EEF in January. EUROFER was founded in 1976 and represents the entirety of steel production in the European Union. Its members are steel companies and national steel federations throughout the EU. The major steel companies and national steel federations in Switzerland and Turkey are also members of EUROFER.

**Axel Eggert** will be the main representative of EUROFER to the EEF. He joined the association in November 2007 as a Director of Public Affairs and he has been Director General since November 2014. Mr Eggert began his career in Brussels in 1998, eventually becoming an adviser at the EU Representation of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate. From 1999 to 2007, he was political adviser to a Member of the European Parliament. A German national, Mr Eggert holds Master degrees in Modern History, Economics and Law from the University of Darmstadt and the State University of New York at Buffalo.

#### Areva becomes Orano



The French energy company Areva is now called **Orano**. This change comes after a restructuring of the company. Orano refocuses on nuclear materials development and waste management. Its activities encompass mining, conversion-enrichment, used fuel recycling, nuclear logistics, dismantling and engineering. The majority of the reactor business (Areva NP) was sold to EDF at the end of 2017.

The group has 16,000 employees, with a revenue of 4 billion. Its mining and conversion-enrichment activities place it in the top three worldwide. Orano is a leader in nuclear recycling and logistics, and is developing its business in the medical field.

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