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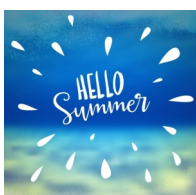
DINNER DEBATE IN BRUSSELS

***UN Sustainable Development Goal No. 7: Does coal have a role in providing affordable and clean energy?***

Host: EURACOAL



**Happy Summer to all EEF members**



The EEF team wishes you all a great summer break. This time off has been well deserved.

Let's enjoy solar energy and come back fully charged for the autumn.

## EEF Events

*The new Electricity Market Design – a smart regulation for smart distribution networks?*

*12th June, Strasbourg*

*Dinner-debate hosted by the EDSO for Smart Grids*



This event was chaired by Dr Paul Rübig, MEP, Austria, Vice President of the EEF. He emphasized the importance of R&D and the policies related to the innovation field. Mr Rübig also thanked the speakers for their work and presented them as giving one of the greatest wealth of Europe: knowledge.

**Christian Buchel, Chairman of EDSO for Smart Grids & Member of the Board, Director for Customers, Markets, Territories and Europe of Enedis**, underlined the importance of the data that will allow the market design to be “smart”. He insisted that the EU can be the leader in smart grids and a investments need to focus on digitalization. The world of energy is changing, being more and more decentralised and connected to the low voltage grids and influenced by the digital revolution. In his in depth review of the electricity Regulation and Directive, he touched upon the DSO entity, the role of DSOs - including as a concern - the possibility of DSO to use flexibility options, the DSO/TSO responsibility on network codes and data management and the network tariffs.

The presentations from **Anna Colucci, DG Energy Head of Unit "Retail markets, coal & oil"**, complemented perfectly the introduction as she reacted on all the points presented by Mr Buchel. She highlighted the necessity to include the consumer in the project, making him understand the profit he can do by collecting, storing, and selling his own energy. The European Union needs to create a common platform for distributors, supervised by new polices while preserving the innovation. She insisted on the interoperability of data and on the need for DSOs to be neutral market facilitators.

An in depth debate followed this presentation on a very topical issue.

## News from the EEF



### GRTgaz becomes Associate Member of the EEF

GRTgaz owns and operates the natural gas transmission network that covers most of France. With over 32,450 Km of pipelines, the GRTgaz network is the longest in Europe and one of the most interconnected. In 2016, GRTgaz invested €600 million to transmit natural gas in the best possible conditions of safety and reliability, extend the network and its interconnections, optimise its operation, reinforce the security of energy supplies for regions, France and Europe, while being heavily involved in the energy transition.

**Thierry Trouvé is the CEO of GRTgaz** since April 2013. After working at the French Ministry of Defence, for the Paris transport authority (RATP) and for the Department of Industry, Research and the Environment in the Nord-Pas de Calais region, he moved to the energy market. He joined the French Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE) to head the electricity market and public utilities division. In 2003, he was working with the French Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development. He joined GRTgaz in 2006.



### EPPSA becomes ETE

On 23 May 2018, the EPPSA, Associate Member of the European Energy Forum, became **Energy Technologies Europe (ETE)**

This change was made because thermal power generation must become an “Energy Hub”. On the one hand, an Energy Hub combines periods of huge electricity over-supply with energy conversion technologies to produce renewable fuels, satisfying the need for huge amounts of renewable fuels. On the other hand, an Energy Hub can also generate electricity at moments when there is not enough electricity generated by RES, and can do so in a carbon neutral way, through CCUS.