

EEF Information Bulletin



Editorial

EEF calendar of events: from July to September

The series of discussions of the first semester ended with a successful debate on how Western Balkans will meet EU and climate goals. The dinner-debate was attended by numerous MEPs covering all points of view in the European Parliament and guaranteeing an interesting and in-depth discussion.

After the summer break, the first event will discuss the integration of renewable energy sources, focusing on the technical and economic aspects of this integration. This dinner-debate will launch a busy semester of events. Also in September, the visit to Alberta, Canada, will offer members the possibility to witness the regional innovative approach of Canada with regards to energy technologies and the circular economy.

Wishing you a good summer.

Pascale Verheust
Director General

Upcoming events

13 September 2016

Dinner-debate in Strasbourg

Topic: Integration of RES: technical and economic issues

At the invitation of **EDF**

More information coming soon.

19-22 September 2016

Visit to Canada

Regional innovative approach of Canada: energy technologies and circular economy

At the invitation of **Shell and Enkerm**



25 October 2016

Dinner-debate in Strasbourg

Electricity's role in decarbonising the non-ETS Sectors (Transport & Buildings)

At the invitation of **ENEL and Eurelectric**

More information coming soon.



EEF Briefing for MEP Assistants



EEF events

Energy Efficiency as a business case for companies

27 June, Brussels

Dinner-debate hosted by E.ON



Ahead of the revision of the Energy Efficiency Directive, the EEF organised a dinner-debate focused on energy efficiency solutions for companies. In October 2014, EU Member States agreed on a new energy efficiency target of at least 27% by 2030. To achieve this target, Member States will need to seek the support of businesses and costumers on board.



Oliver Golly, Head of Strategic Development and Corporate Affairs at **E.ON Connecting Energies**, presented a range of real case examples of energy solutions for customers in the commercial, industrial and public sectors. According to E.ON, tailored energy solutions, such as energy management systems to monitor consumption or combined-cycle gas turbines (on-site generation), can help business customers reach both decarbonisation and cost reduction objectives. However, “a long-term framework with clear and coherent targets” will be required if we want to reduce the risks in the market and thereby engage customers, Mr Golly added.



Paul Hodson, who leads the unit for Energy Efficiency at **DG Energy**, then took the floor to take stock of the progress made in terms of energy efficiency in the EU. Along with the market, product policy through eco-design and labelling regulations has caused the largest reduction in energy consumption so far. If the EU wants to deliver more energy efficiency in the future, market failures in the buildings sector will have to be addressed. According to the European Commission’s representative, a combination of ICT, innovation and new business models are key to further improving energy efficiency.



Against this background, the upcoming legislative proposals of the European Commission will pay a particular attention to the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, the Energy Efficiency Directive and the question of financing.



EEF events

Briefing for MEP Assistants 'Ensuring EU's Security of Supply'

23 and 30 June, Brussels

Briefing for MEP Assistants hosted by the EEF



The **European Energy Forum (EEF)** organized a briefing for MEP Assistants on EU's security of supply. To cover the issue in the most exhaustive possible way, this informative seminar was held into two distinctive but complementary sessions. The first one on 23 June focused on gas security of supply and the second one on 30 June was dedicated to electricity.



This seminar was organized in cooperation with the **Joint Research Center** of the European Commission, which dedicates 25% of its research activities to the energy field. EEF Associate Members were actively involved in the preparation of both sessions.

Session one: gas

In this session, a panel of speakers from different energy associations and companies provided participants with an overview of gas supply in Europe and its neighbouring countries, looked into the challenges and possible solutions for developing the necessary gas infrastructure, analysed the role of LNG and gas storage in this new scenario and explained how this situation is affecting the gas market and gas consumers.



Session two: electricity

The second session provided an overall picture of the EU power system and introduced the links and differences with the gas system, looked into the responses of the different technologies to guarantee security of supply and analysed the economic aspects affecting the electricity market from the point of view of power and technology producers.



In both sessions, the JRC presented facts and information on the studies and projects they have been recently carrying out on the topic. The presentations from the speakers were followed by a Q&A session that allowed participants to provide their comments and ask their questions in the most interactive way.



EEF events

The Western Balkans meeting EU energy and climate goals

5 July, Strasbourg

Dinner-debate hosted by NIS jsc



For the last energy discussion before the summer break, the EEF brought the EU's neighbouring countries to the centre of the debate. **NIS jsc**, a company headquartered in Serbia, hosted a dinner-debate on the integration of the Western Balkans in meeting EU's energy and climate objectives.



EEF members had the opportunity to listen to speakers with complementary expertise on the issue and later on to exchange views with them. Mr **Slavtcho Neykov** is a former Director of the Energy Community Secretariat and has a long experience in the energy sector. He took the floor to elaborate on the challenges faced by the Energy Community Contracting Parties in implementing energy reforms. When it comes to energy, the Contracting Parties have to implement EU law on a legally-binding basis. However, they still face individual problems which also influence their cooperation.



In turn, Mr **Nikola Radovanovic** introduced EEF members to the activities developed by NIS to come closer to COP21 and EU energy and climate targets. The company has already put in place new projects and business operations which are consistent with the five pillars of the Energy Union. Taking the example of the Republic of Serbia, he recalled that some EU and pre-accession countries have very different heritages in terms of energy systems.



DG Energy was represented by Mr **Roderic van Voorst** who is responsible for the Western Balkans. Mr van Voorst provided an overview of some initiatives under progress to promote regional cooperation and the integration of the Western Balkans, such as high-level meetings in the framework of the Berlin Process, which started in 2014. In addition, a manifesto which advocates the expansion of regional cooperation in South-Eastern Europe was released by 16 MEPs in June.

The dinner-debate ended with a round of questions and answers which reflected the diversity of views among EEF members and MEPs present at the event.



News from EEF Members

The Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) joins the EEF



Andrew Ebrill
CEER

The Council of European Energy Regulators (**CEER**) is the voice of Europe's national energy regulators, with members/observers from 33 countries across Europe.

Through CEER, a not-for-profit organisation, European energy regulators cooperate, exchange best practice and develop regulatory policy in order to benefit Europe's energy consumers. This organisation champions best practice regulation among its own energy regulators and with outside stakeholders such as EU policy makers and legislators. It does so through training courses, workshops and conferences, and internal/external regulatory papers, among others. CEER is based in Brussels, with the Secretariat consisting of 8 permanent staff led by its Secretary General, **Andrew Ebrill**. Andrew is an Irish national who worked for many years in Ireland's energy regulator before moving to CEER in February 2016.

New contact of RWE



Dr Susanne Rempel
RWE AG

As of July, Dr **Susanne Rompel** is the main contact of **RWE** to the EEF as new Head of Office of RWE AG in Brussels. Prior to this, Dr Rompel was Head of Strategic Planning within RWE AG's Strategy & Innovation department, which she had joined in December 2013. Her experience in RWE Brussels Office is not new, as she was Manager for EU Energy Policy from 2008 to 2013. Previously, she worked for the European Commission's Directorate General for Energy.

Susanne Rompel studied Politics, Law and French in Heidelberg and Aix-en-Provence, and holds a Master's Degree in European Politics and Administration from the College of Europe in Bruges. She also holds a PhD from Heidelberg University.



Highlight of the month

Visit to Canada



As part of its activities, the EEF also facilitates study visits to regions and energy sites in order to meet local stakeholders, which can provide valuable input to matters of interest to the Forum and its members. In this framework, EEF Associate Members have offered to host a visit to different energy sites in Canada and hold discussions with a number of relevant representatives from government, civil society and NGOs in Canada.



The aim of this visit is to see practical examples of operational **Carbon Capture and Storage Technologies** and **circular economy projects** in Alberta, Canada. On this occasion, **meetings and discussions with regional stakeholders** will complement the visits to a Carbon Capture and Storage plant, a waste management center and an **Advanced Energy Research Facility on waste-to-biofuels**. **MEP Lambert van Nistelrooij** will be chairing the EEF delegation to Canada.

Key features of the visit:

Carbon Capture and Storage Technologies

- The Boundary Dam CCS Plant in Saskatchewan (Canada) is the first commercial-scale post-combustion carbon capture system at a coal-fired power plant in the world.
- The Quest CCS Plant in Alberta (Canada) became operational in 2015 and is the world's first oil sands CCS project.

Circular economy and biofuels

Energkem Alberta Biofuels (EAB) has developed a partnership with the City of Edmonton to increase its waste diversion rate from 50% to 90%. EAB is the world's first commercial Municipal Solid Waste-to-biofuels and chemicals facility.

Political debates: meetings and high-level dinner-debate

- Meetings with environmental NGOs (Energy Futures Lab & Pembina Institute).
- High-level dinner-debate with representatives of the Government of the Province of Alberta focused on regional approach to energy issues.



The visit is open to MEPs and EEF members.

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