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Upcoming events

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DINNER DEBATE IN STRASBOURG

Effective integration of renewables – why flexibility is key
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DINNER DEBATE IN STRASBOURG

Greening the gas grid: the biomethane opportunity
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DINNER DEBATE IN BRUSSELS

Advanced biofuels from waste and residues: the key to achieving ambitious and sustainable transport decarbonisation with RED II
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EEF Events

How to avoid blackouts in Europe? The role of capacity mechanisms in the short and medium term

16 May, Strasbourg

Dinner-debate hosted by PKEE (Polish Electricity Association)



Last month in Strasbourg, the EEF organised a new dinner-debate on capacity mechanisms, one of the key topics discussed in the framework of the Internal Energy Market Design. This discussion complemented the EEF dinner-debate on capacity mechanisms held in March by providing a different point of view.

The dinner-debate was hosted by **PKEE**, the Polish Electricity Association. **Jarosław Broda**, Member of PKEE Board, was the first to take the floor. According to Mr Broda, the implementation of the new package should take into account the subsidiarity principle, as *“all proposals should be technologically independent and it should be a choice of the country whether it goes for more RES, more nuclear, less consumption or any other means to reduce its emissions.”*

Dmitri Perekhodtsev, Vice President in the Paris office of Compass Lexecon, presented the preliminary results of a study commissioned by PKEE on the impact assessment of the capacity mechanism that Poland plans to implement as compared to an alternative situation of an energy-only market. One of the aspects highlighted by Mr Perekhodtsev was the eligibility rule proposed by the Clean Energy Package, which excludes capacity generation from capacity mechanisms if its level of CO₂ emissions exceeds the level of 550 grams of CO₂/kwh.

Augustijn Van Haasteren, senior electricity expert at DG Energy, explained that if we want to give capacity mechanisms a place in the market, we have to frame them in a context where it is made sure that they exist only when it is absolutely necessary and that they have the least distortive effect of the market.

These presentations were followed by a lively discussion on the use of capacity mechanisms, including an intervention from Kariņš Krišjānis, rapporteur of the regulation on the internal market for electricity.

EEF Events

Energy Efficiency—But at what cost?

30 May, Brussels

Dinner-debate hosted by ČEZ



For the second dinner-debate in May, EEF Members gathered in Brussels to discuss the European Commission's legislative proposal to strengthen the Energy Efficiency Directive. The dinner-debate was hosted by ČEZ, the largest electricity producer in the Czech Republic. It provided an opportunity to discuss some of the challenges that the proposed revision may pose to Member States, with a special focus on the Czech Republic.

MEP Jo Leinen, Member of the ENVI Committee and Member of the Board of Directors of the EEF, chaired the discussion. The EEF had the honour of welcoming Ms **Lenka Kovačovská**, Deputy Minister for Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic. The Deputy Minister stressed the importance of discussing the revision of the Energy Efficiency Directive together with the Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union. She also expressed her country's support for a 30% indicative energy efficiency target by comparison with the binding nature of the target proposed by the Commission.

Pavel Cyrani, Member of the Board and Chief Commercial and Strategy Officer in the CEZ Group, in turn presented his company's perspective on the binding EU-wide 30% target and the annual savings obligation of 1.5% in Article 7. He expressed ČEZ's concern about the substantial investments the fulfilment of the proposed targets could require from some Member States.

In contrast to the investment concerns, **Mechthild Wörnsdörfer**, Director for renewable energy, research and innovation, and energy efficiency in the Commission's Directorate-General for Energy, outlined the potential benefits these targets can bring in terms of jobs, security of supply, climate change and health.

The debate was fuelled by a number of interventions from industry representatives and Members of the European Parliament, including from MEP Adam Gierek, rapporteur on the Energy Efficiency Directive. The discussion provided EEF Members with a great number of ideas and proposals for the upcoming negotiations.

EEF Events

Energy Efficiency and renewables integrated in an urban area

1 to 3 June, Vienna

Visit organised by the European Energy Forum



The EEF was in Vienna last week with a group of MEPs and Associate Members to witness how a city integrates smart technologies, energy efficiency and renewable energy in an urban environment. This high-quality visit was chaired by the Austrian MEP Paul Rübig, Vice President of the EEF.

This high-quality visit was punctuated with an encounter with the recently appointed Minister of Science, Research and Economy, **Harald Mahrer**, as well as with an interesting exchange of views with the Head of Section III “Energy and Mining” Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy, Austria, **Michael Losch**. The delegation had also the opportunity to meet **Mag. Josef Taucher**, a member of the Vienna State Parliament and City Council.

The delegation visited E-Control Austria, the regulatory authority for the electricity and gas markets, where its director, **Wolfgang Urbantschitsch**, opened a discussion on the National Regulatory Authority view on the framework of the Clean Energy Package. The delegation took the opportunity to visit the Energy Community premises, situated in Vienna. **MEP Jerzy Buzek**, President of the EEF, took over the chair for this meeting, which gave the group the possibility to discuss with the director of the Energy Community, **Janez Kopac**, how its different members are adopting the EU’s legislation, the so-called “*acquis communautaire*”, in energy and related areas.

A number of guided tours of different energy sites completed this packed programme of activities, starting with **Aspern** smart city, a quarter of Vienna under development integrating smart buildings, grids and ICT. The group also visited the **Spittelau** waste incineration plant, designed by the Austrian artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser, which is used to produce both electricity and district heating. The **Freudenau** hydropower plant, with a capacity of 172 MW, the first large scale power plant worldwide built in a city of over one million inhabitants, and the **Simmering** biomass and cogeneration plant, were also part of the programme.

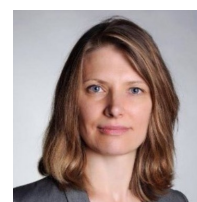
News from EEF Members

DTEK

EEF Associate Member

DTEK is now an Associate Member of the EEF. It is Ukraine's largest energy group with assets in coal mining, electricity generation and distribution, renewables and gas production. DTEK employs 75 000 people and supplies electricity and heat to 3.3 million households and over 82 500 businesses across Ukraine. For more information, please visit www.dtek.com

Anna Zvolikevych is the main contact of DTEK to the EEF. Prior to her current position at DTEK, she worked for the EU-Ukraine Business Council and was as a member of Ukraine's mission to the EU, where she was seconded in 2004 from the Ukraine ministry of economy.



Anna Zvolikevych,
Brussels
Representative at
DTEK

News from EEF Members

Aurubis

EEF Associate Member

Aurubis has recently join the EEF as an Associate Member. It is the leading integrated copper group and the world's largest copper recycler. The core business of the company is the production of marketable copper cathodes from copper concentrates, copper scrap and recycling raw materials.

Rolf Kuby is the main representative of the company at the EEF. He joined the company in April 2016. Previously, he worked for ten years for the Wirtschaftsvereinigung Metalle, the German non-ferrous metals association as head of the EU office in Brussels. Before that, Rolf Kuby worked for the "Gesamtverband der deutschen Textil- und Modeindustrie und Messe Frankfurt" (German textile and fashion association) as well as for the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, IHK Aachen (Germany).



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