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15 May 2018
Technology Driving Sustainability – the role of E-mobility
 Host: European Energy Forum and European Internet Forum

LUNCH DEBATE IN BRUSSELS


29 May 2018
Oil and Gas in Europe today... and tomorrow?
 Host: IOGP

DINNER DEBATE IN STRASBOURG


12 June 2018
The new Electricity Market Design – a smart regulation for smart distribution networks?
 Host: EDSO for Smart Grids

DINNER DEBATE IN STRASBOURG

EEF Events

The fight against climate change as an opportunity for Europe: A viable scenario from a business perspective

23 April, Brussels

Dinner-debate hosted by Iberdrola



The European Union has shown strong leadership in the fight against climate change, setting ambitious emissions reduction targets to reduce emissions progressively up to 2050, in line with the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement. The Spanish company IBERDROLA proposed a discussion on the evolution of low-emission technologies' costs, the role of electricity and the challenges in meeting climate goals for the energy sector.

IBERDROLA has carried out a study to see how the Spanish energy sector can reduce 80% of its emissions by 2050. According to **Gonzalo Sáenz de Mieira**, Director of Climate Change, actions will be needed in 2 fronts: increase of energy efficiency and replacement of fossil fuels with renewables. This means reducing energy consumption by 1.7% annually, phasing out oil and coal, maintaining gas as a transition energy when electrification is not viable and reaching high penetration of RES (66% in 2050) in the electricity sector.

The energy transition is not moving ahead fast enough. As Mr Sáenz de Mieira explained, *"EU ETS emissions grew 1.5% last year, EU transport emissions have grown over 15% from 1990 to 2015, coal maintains its competitiveness against gas due to low ETS prices and investment in RES is falling short of what is required"*. Clear targets and policies are necessary. Within those policies, IBERDROLA's representative highlighted the 'Environmental tax reform' based on the polluter pays principle to eliminate distortions and send price signals to investors and consumers and get revenues to finance the energy transition. This principle, he said, is not always applied under the current tax system in Europe.

There is a great need for an update of our analysis in terms of what is possible today. **Artur Runge-Metzger**, Director of **DG Climate Action**, European Commission explained that EU's executive body will provide this update next November. There are different pathways possible and they have to be technologically and economically feasible. It will also be important to take into account consumer choices, he said. Depending on the national circumstances, different weight will be given to the different possible pathways.

News

ITAC - EEF Internal meeting



The first **Industrial and Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)** of this year took place at the end of April. Associate Members had the opportunity to submit their proposals and innovative suggestions to organize events in the coming months and discuss with the Board the EEF approach in light of the next European elections of 2019.

This internal meeting was an excellent occasion to present the booklet of Associate Members 2018. A print copy was sent to all EEF members (industry and MEPs).

Gas Natural Fenosa opens office in Brussels



EEF Associate Member **Gas Natural Fenosa** has recently opened a new EU Regulation office in Brussels.

Jacinto Pico is the representative of the company in Brussels. The main representative to the EEF will continue to be Carmen Vindel Sánchez, headquartered in Madrid (Spain).

Changes in the EEF office



Our colleague **Ángela**, Communications and Events Officer of the EEF, has left the EEF to take up a new professional challenge.

She joined the EEF in 2012 to take care of the organization of EEF events and update the communication strategy of the association.

We wish her all success in this new adventure!