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## Don't miss our next events !



### Financing the energy transition of coal-dependant regions 13 November - Strasbourg

Mr Filip Grzegorzczuk - CEO of Tauron Polska Energia

Mr Klaus-Dieter Borchardt - Director Internal Energy Market - DG Energy, European Commission



### Nord Stream 2 or real diversification: challenges of the internal gas market 20 November - Brussels

Mr Piotr Woźniak - President of PGNiG SA

Mr Stefan Moser - Head of Unit Security of Supply - DG Energy, European Commission

## Clean energy islands: paving the way to Europe's decarbonisation

Tuesday 8 October 2018, Brussels

Hosted by EUGINE

The dinner-debate was chaired by **MEP Inese Vaidere**, Director of the EEF. During the event, our guests were able to intensely debate and discuss how to help the decarbonisation of EU most remote territories, referred to as EU islands.

Mr. **Hermann Kröger**, Vice-President of EUGINE and Senior Vice-President of MAN Energy Solutions, presented the huge challenge those islands are facing: due to their geographical position, they need decentralized energy solutions to reduce their dependency on expensive fossil fuel imports. According to him, such solutions must be based on renewables, but also have to ensure reliable power. This is the lesson learnt from what happened in Pellworm and El Hierro, where it was shown that by basing only on variable renewable energy solutions (vRES) and storage a 100% availability and 100% security of supply cannot be guaranteed.



EUGINE proposes to use flexible engine power plants as enabler for more photovoltaic and wind: A hybrid power system combining variable renewables, storage, flexible generation and microgrids would provide EU islands with reliable power, and reductions of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. He added that co or trigeneration plants provide high efficiency and that gas-powered engines also operate with biogas or synthetic fuels.



Mr. **Eero Ailio**, Adviser on Energy Transition and Local Governance in DG Energy, presented the European Commission's point of view and commitment on the matter. He said "*one of the main political ideas driving the Clean Energy for All European Package is the word «all»: the EU does not want to leave anyone behind*". It recognizes the pivotal role of consumers and acts to strengthen their rights and those of local communities such as islands. Financing the decarbonization of almost 3000 islands is not possible. Initiatives have started on islands and the EU will use the already existing financing instruments in the smartest way possible and try to understand how to boost investments also from the private sector.





## Getting the European Energy Market ready for 2030: What role for network codes & guidelines?

Tuesday 23 October 2018, Strasbourg

Hosted by ENTSO-E

Network codes and guidelines are the technical implementation of a political idea: the decision to create a full integrated and efficient internal EU energy market.

**Bente Hagem**, Chair of the Board of ENTSO-E, **Christophe Gence-Creux**, ACER and **Oliver Koch**, DG Energy all agree on this and said network codes are one of the main achievements in the last 10 years of EU energy law developments: they are crucial for maintaining security of energy supply, increasing competitiveness, as well as ensuring that all consumers can purchase energy at affordable prices.

Although it could still be improved, the network codes implementation process is delivering, as shown by market coupling. These codes represent an opportunity to address the issues that still obstruct the further integration of the internal energy market (IEM), as an example the lack of cross-border capacity to be made available to the market.



In this framework, our three speakers gave clear messages on the very political aspect of the topic. Two legislative acts were touched upon: the proposals for an Electricity Regulation and for the ACER Regulation, both in the version proposed by the Council.



As for the first, articles 13 and 14 address capacity calculation, imposing an ill-defined cross-border capacity threshold, and member states' possibility to "opt-out" from the network codes implementation process. As it stands right now, the latter could mean the end of this process altogether, a matter of deep concern for the speakers.

The difference between implementing and delegated acts was also discussed and clearly explained, along with the impact the different proposals would have on ACER.

As the discussions in the interinstitutional negotiations have entered their final stage, the three speakers stressed the importance for negotiators to take informed decisions.



## 2019 IS COMING



### Can the EU afford to leave rural areas behind in its energy transition?

Hosted by SHV gas

15 January - Strasbourg

### An evening discussion with Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič

Hosted by the EEF

18 March - Brussels

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