

# EEF Information Bulletin



# Editorial

## EEF General Assembly

The annual General Assembly, gathering all Active Members of the EEF, took place on 11 May in Strasbourg.

It is our pleasure to announce the following changes in the EEF Board:

**Miapetra Kumpula-Natri** is now Vice-President of the EEF and **Jo Leinen** as well as **Morten Helveg Petersen** both sit on the Board of Directors.

The Board of EEF is thus composed as follows :

**Jerzy Buzek**, President  
**Julie Girling**, Treasurer  
**Pilar del Castillo**, Vice President  
**Neena Gill**, Vice President  
**Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**, Vice President  
**Herbert Reul**, Vice President  
**Paul Rübig**, Vice President  
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**Vicky Ford**, Director  
**Roger Helmer**, Director  
**Jo Leinen**, Director  
**Morten Helveg Petersen**, Director  
**Inese Vaidere**, Director  
**Lambert Van Nistelrooij**, Director

Pascale Verheust  
Director General

## Upcoming events

23 June 2016

## Briefing for MEP assistants in Brussels

### Briefing on security of gas supply

At the invitation of **EEF**

27 June 2016

## Dinner-debate in Brussels

### Energy Efficiency as a business case for companies

At the invitation of **E.ON**



30 June 2016

## Briefing for MEP assistants in Brussels

### Briefing on security of electricity supply

At the invitation of **EEF**

5 July 2016

## Dinner-debate in Strasbourg

### *The Western Balkans meeting EU energy and climate goals*

At the invitation of **NIS**



## General Assembly with Active Members in Strasbourg



## EEF events

### Bridging Europe's Energy Divide – How to link Central and Western Europe?

10 May, Strasbourg

Dinner-debate hosted by CEEP



*How to link Central Europe with the rest of Europe? How to create a more resilient EU as a whole?* These were the questions addressed during the dinner-debate in Strasbourg by Central Europe Energy Partners (CEEP), the association representing energy and energy-intensive companies from Central Europe at the EU level. CEEP was established six years ago with the idea of tackling the issue of the completion of the EU, Mr **Paweł Olechnowicz**, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the association, explained in his opening speech. This initial idea evolved over the years into a more concrete project: improving north-south and east-west connections in the energy, transport and telecommunications sectors.



During the dinner-debate, Mr **Heiko Ammermann**, Senior Partner at Roland Berger and advisor to CEEP, discussed with EEF Members the results of a research on how the construction of the North-South Corridor could be a key enabler for completing the European integration process. The Corridor would comprise a set of interrelated gas, electricity and oil transmission infrastructure projects linking Central European markets, both with each other and with the Western part of the continent.



However, the implementation of key Corridor projects through commercial finance alone will likely be challenging, added Mr Ammermann. The research finds that some projects call for public financial support because of their limited commercial viability. In addition, the North-South Corridor would have to be realized piece by piece based on individual projects which make economic sense and with a leading role played by national TSOs.



Speaking on behalf of DG Energy, Mr **Alejandro Ulzurrun**, Head of Unit for Communication and Inter-institutional relations, emphasised the crucial importance of infrastructure network in completing the European integration project. *"Interconnection is not only about the Energy Union but about giving a sense to the European Union."*



## EEF events

### LNG: a game changer for the EU's transport and power sector?

24 May, Brussels

Dinner-debate hosted by Wärtsilä



Following the Energy Security Package and the upcoming Commission's Communication on the Decarbonisation of Transport, natural gas has become one of the major topics of discussion among EU energy players. Against this background, Wärtsilä, which manufactures and provides power sources and other equipment in the marine and energy markets, proposed to look at the potential of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in the power and transport sectors.



LNG is being increasingly used to balance energy generation and as a fuel in heavy transport such as shipping. Mr **Kari Hietanen** and Mr **Timo Koponen**, senior representatives of Wärtsilä, introduced the dinner-debate by outlining why LNG could be a game changer for the EU in these sectors. Natural gas takes up approximately 600 times less volume when it is liquefied. This provides possibilities to use LNG as a mode of storage as well as to diversify existing supply routes. Besides, the development of LNG can help reduce emissions significantly compared to other fossil fuels.



With a view to offering a comprehensive picture of the issue, Wärtsilä had invited Gas Infrastructure Europe (GIE), another EEF Member represented at this dinner-debate by its President Mr **Jean-Marc Leroy**, to make a complementary statement on small-scale LNG. To supply remote areas, most of the European LNG import terminals already offer truck loading and the availability of loading bunkering ships is increasing.



Finally, Mr **Stefan Moser** from the European Commission took the floor to present DG Energy's perspective on LNG and gas storage. In the Strategy published as part of the Energy Security Package, the European Commission tries to identify the missing infrastructure to ensure that gas can be available everywhere and at any time. During the discussion, participants also raised the issues of gas leakages and gas quality.

The EEF would like to thank Wärtsilä for inviting another EEF member to present its view on the subject which could be an option for other Associate Members in the future, where appropriate.





## News from EEF Members

### Aneta Wilmanska joins PGNiG's office in Brussels



Aneta Wilmanska, Director of  
PGNiG

**Aneta Wilmanska** is the new Director of the Polish Oil and Gas Company (**PGNiG SA**) Representative Office in Brussels. She has over 10-year experience in holding senior positions in the Polish governmental administration, notably in the Ministry of Environment and the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development.

She was also one of the pioneers in the preparation of Poland's accession to the EU when she was working at the Polish Ministry of Economy.

Ms. Wilmanska has an excellent grasp of cohesion policy instruments (EFSI) in the area of low emission economy, SMEs and innovation. This insight allowed her to contribute to the development of SMEs, the increase of RES investments and the improvement of energy efficiency in the housing and industry sectors throughout Poland.

### Visit to the Terna Storage Lab Project hosted by EASE



Terna Storage Lab Site in Sardinia

EEF Associate Member **EASE** is organising a visit to the Terna Storage Lab project in Sardinia on 30 June and 1 July. This project intends to analyse the performance of selected battery technologies when used to provide essential grid services (e.g. frequency, secondary and voltage regulation) and to test their worth in real case scenarios. The site has 7.5MW of multi-technological battery systems, 1 of 2 multi-terminal HVDC systems in operation in the world and 2 Synchronous compensators (2x250MVA). In the framework of the visit, a welcome dinner for participants will be held on 30 June.

For further information, please contact Michela Bortolotti by sending an email to: [m.bortolotti@ease-storage.eu](mailto:m.bortolotti@ease-storage.eu).



## Highlight of the month

### EUSEW 2016



As every year, the European Commission is organising the EU Sustainable Energy Week that will take place from 14 to 16 June. This yearly conference will get together in Brussels public authorities, energy agencies, industry associations, businesses, civil society organisations and the media to discuss new policy developments, best practices and sustainable energy ideas.

The different conferences organised during these 3 days of June will be held at the European Commission's Charlemagne building and the Residence Palace hotel nearby.

Several EEF Associate Members are contributing to the discussions on energy efficiency and sustainability organised in the framework of the EUSEW. Please see below the list of events held by them:



#### 15 June

- 09:00-10:30 (Charlemagne) — **European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE)** Conference topic: Cost-effective storage solutions for homes.
- 11:00-12:30 (Résidence Palace) — **European Turbine Network (ETN) and COGEN Europe**. Conference topic: Combined generation of heating/cooling and power based on the micro gas turbine (MGT) technology integrated with solar and biomass energy sources.
- 14:00-15:00 (Résidence Palace) - **Eurogas and GEODE**. Conference topic: Role of renewable gasses in a low-carbon energy system.

#### 16 June

- 09:00-10:30 (Charlemagne) - **ENTSO-E and EDSO for Smart Grids**. Conference topic: Engagement of customers on energy transition.
- 09:00-10:30 (Charlemagne) - **EURELECTRIC**. Conference topic: Empowerment of consumers in the current power sector.



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