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Editorial

ITAC meeting

The EEF held this morning its Industrial and Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) meeting. This meeting is an occasion for Associate Members to meet with the Board on official matters. A report will be sent to the EEF members.

The main message from EEF President Jerzy Buzek was to congratulate members on the topicality of the issues presented since January which provided high level discussions in the EEF. He invited them to follow on like that when suggesting events for the future. The Board will consider the numerous proposals for events received from the members and present them to the General Assembly of the EEF on 29th April. The Board will try to allocate the best way possible some of these proposals when building the programme for the autumn.

Mr Buzek also thanked members for their promptness in registering in the Transparency register of the European Union. The EEF has been registered since 2011 and can be found with the following number : 45953576620-17

Happy Easter!

Pascale Verheust,
Director General

Upcoming events

14/04/2015

Dinner-debate in Brussels

Flexible back-up: power plants technology for the future energy mix

At the invitation of **EU Turbines**

28/04/2015

Dinner-debate in Strasbourg

Oil and Gas: Geopolitics of Europe and beyond

At the invitation of **BP**

29/04/2015

Internal meeting in Strasbourg

General Assembly

Active Members attend

06/05/2015

Dinner-debate in Brussels

Interconnectors – challenges to building a more connected EU market.

At the invitation of **National Grid**



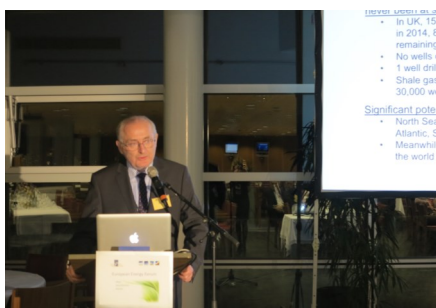
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EEF events

Safe oil & gas production to support Europe's energy supply

10/03/2015, Dinner-debate in Strasbourg
Hosted by IOGP



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At a time when *security of supply* has become a key word in the European institutions, the dinner-debate hosted by the International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP) was the occasion to reflect on indigenous energy production. While developing domestic production of oil and gas is important to secure EU's energy supply, guaranteeing the safety of operations is crucial for people and the environment.



At the moment, 33% of gas and 15% of oil consumed in the Union comes from domestic production. Against this backdrop, **Mr Roland Fester**, EU Affairs Director at IOGP drew participants' attention on the paradoxical slowdown in oil and gas exploration programmes in Europe as well as on the need to drill further from the shore and in deeper waters which has made conditions of production harsher.



In response to some oil spill incidents, the European Commission published the Directive 2013/30/EU on Safety of Offshore Oil and Gas Operations in June 2013, which establishes minimum requirements for preventing major accidents. On its part, the industry has improved prevention and response to such accidents. Mr Fester raised the example of an integrated intervention system that includes well capping and dispersant equipment and that can be deployed internationally in the event of a subsea incident.



This short information session gave rise to an instructive discussion with representatives from the **European Commission**, Mr **Jan Panek** and **Dr Jörg Köhli**, and Members of the European Parliament on the risks and benefits linked to offshore production of energy.

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An evening discussion with Vice-President Šefčovič

23/03/2015, Dinner-debate in Brussels

Hosted by the European Energy Forum



Only one month after the European Commission launched the Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union, the EEF had the pleasure to welcome **Vice-President responsible for Energy Union Maroš Šefčovič** as keynote speaker at a high-level dinner-debate in Brussels. This event was an invitation by the EEF to its members to celebrate the past 20 years of energy discussions. Vice-President Šefčovič answered with enthusiasm around 25 questions from the audience. **A milestone event to celebrate a milestone birthday.**

Excerpts from Mr Šefčovič's speech



The new **Commission's framework establishes 15 action points** to achieve the energy union according to different priority areas, notably security of supply, solidarity and trust, market integration, efficiency, decarbonisation, research and innovation.

The strategic framework brings **energy security** to the forefront. One of its key elements is the development of energy diplomacy to guarantee better cooperation with third countries of the EU as a whole. In this sense, the Commission wishes to improve transparency on **inter-governmental agreements** to guarantee their compatibility with EU legislation.



Concerning gas, the Commission intends to amend the **Security Gas Supply Regulation** that will provide a common plan in case of emergency and will propose an EU wide **strategy for LNG** and storage to improve flows. Regarding **Ukraine and Russian talks**, the re-launch of trilateral negotiations is foreseen on the follow-up of the Winter Package to ensure gas supply remains secure.

In terms of **energy efficiency**, one of the Commission's priorities is the housing sector, where estimations show that 90% of buildings are not energy efficient. To do so, it is important to provide access to finance for investors through mechanisms such as the **"Smart Financing for**



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Smart Buildings". A new strategy for **heating and cooling** will also be proposed to encourage the use of waste heat from industry in district heating and increase the role of renewables.

Interconnections are also a top priority. There is a need for a better connected energy market. Recent initiatives to accelerate **market integration** of the Iberian Peninsula, as well as of Central and South-Eastern Europe are good examples to follow. Here again, investments to develop cross-border interconnections are needed. The **EU Investment Plan** and the **Connecting Europe Facility** will provide funds for this initiative.



In the middle of the year, the Commission intends to present its ideas for a **new electricity market design** that better **integrates renewables**, ensures **public interventions** do not entail distortions of the market and guarantees **low energy prices** for consumers. Moreover, the enforcement of the **Third Energy Package** to develop an EU gas and electricity market is also foreseen.



Decarbonisation of EU's economy by 40% by 2030 is also among the Commissions' priorities. To do so, a new **Renewable Energy package** for 2017 has been announced, together with a **carbon market reform** and a **road transport package** aiming at encouraging the use of alternative fuels and clean vehicles.

New technologies are necessary to make possible the transition to a sustainable and efficient energy market. Thus the needs to secure investments in **research and innovation**, which will at the same time, provide jobs and economic growth. The Commission has already doubled energy research funding under **Horizon 2020** and will now propose an upgraded **Strategy Energy Technology Plan**.



The developments concerning the recent Commission's proposals will be gathered in the **annual Energy Union report**. The first is foreseen before the end of this year.

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New EEF Members



European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE)

The European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE) is the voice of the energy storage community, actively promoting the use of energy storage in Europe and worldwide. EASE seeks to build a European platform for sharing and disseminating energy storage-related information and supports the transition towards a sustainable, flexible and stable energy system in Europe.

Maria Joaõ Duarte, Policy Officer of the association, will be the main representative of EASE at the EEF.



HR Wallingford

HR Wallingford has Scientific Research Association status. They offer world-leading analysis, advice and support in engineering and environmental hydraulics, as well as in the management of water and the water environment. This includes the most advanced physical and computer modelling capability for coastal, inland and shipping projects.

The main representative of the association in Brussels is **Jon Coniam**, as Business Manager.



Union Française de l'Electricité (UFE)

The French Union of Electricity, a non-profit organization founded in May 2000, is the trade association representing the French Electricity sector. It represents employers in the electricity and gas branches of the industry, and defends the interests of its members, generators, system operators or electricity suppliers, in the economic and industrial field.

Aurélie Beauvais, Head of EU and International Affairs, will represent UFE at EEF events.