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Fruitful cooperation with the EEF Active Members

During the first plenary of March, the General Assembly of the EEF met to take care of statutory and legal requirements of the association. They also discussed the topics of events for the autumn programme. This assembly followed the ITAC meeting in February and finalised the series of internal meetings for the year 2019. Out of those two meetings, we need to highlight the common wish of both Associate Members and Active members to build a programme of joint events being held by several EEF Associate Members together.



EEF General Assembly & Reception
2 July 2019 - STRASBOURG

EEF Energy Reception « The EEF before and after the elections »

Tuesday 12 March 2019, Strasbourg

Hosted by EEF

The last event of the European Energy Forum for this parliamentary term gathered numerous MEPs, raising a glass with the Associate Members to the accomplishment of the last 5 years. Organised in an informal atmosphere, the reception gave the chance to each of EEF Member to bring feedback and wishes for the Forum.



Jerzy Buzek, President of the EEF, addressed the guests welcoming and thanking them for their presence. He underlined how unusual and fantastic the EEF is with all its particular features: it is open to all MEPs and provides a tremendously important platform for them to get fundamental information and moreover, since it is open to all the companies active in the energy sector as well, the EEF enhances a broad exchange of view with the members of the industry, which results fundamental in the legislative process.



Before leaving the floor to **Neena Gill, S&D** from the UK, Mr Buzek turned his attention to the future of the EEF in the upcoming new parliamentary term, sketching the topics which will be covered by the Dinner-Debates in the second part of this year and raising a glass wishing a prosperous future both for the MEPs and the EEF before and after the elections.

Ms Gill told the story of how she first got involved with the EEF and how, former president of the EEF Rolf

Linkohr, invited her for the first time in 1999. She explained how, throughout the years, the heterogeneous speakers of the EEF events have provided her with a great deal of useful information for her work on energy poverty and sustainable finance for a green economy. She concluded wishing for the continuity of the EEF *"for the lifetime of the EP and forever more"*. Lastly Neena Gill directly thanked **President Jerzy Buzek**, **EEF Director-General Pascale Verheust** and all the team for the tremendous job done over these years.



Other MEPs subsequently took the floor and shared their thought on the EEF. Everybody remarked the fundamental role of the EEF in bringing together MEPs, members of the industry and all relevant actors in the energy field. Many praises for the job done so far and wishes for keeping up EEF's brilliant work were underlined by different guests, who also took the occasion to thank the Forum for the ongoing support that it provides.



ON OUR MEMBERS' SIDE

A new representative for CEER



Starting from the 15th of April 2019, Mr Charles Esser will be Secretary General of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER), where he has worked for two years with the Customers and Retail Markets Working Group and the Distribution Systems Working Group. Mr Esser has previously worked as a self-employed Energy Consultant for a wide variety of organisations, as an Analyst for the International Energy Agency, and as Energy Analyst for the NGO/think-tank of the International Crisis Group.

www.ceer.eu

InnoGrid 2019 Connecting physics and digits: Power Platforms on the rise



Brussels, 13 & 14 May

www.innogrid2020.eu/

An ICT layer is emerging on top of physical grids, transforming the energy system into a cyber-physical system. At InnoGrid 2019 the new interactions between TSOs and DSOs will be discussed. Interactive breakout sessions will get you acquainted with sector coupling and storage, advanced grid resilience and innovations for the physical grid.

Energise your day: revolt in Europe & social movements and climate policies



Brussels, 2 April

[More information here](#)

Popular revolts and demonstrations are blooming throughout the streets of the European Union members state. Equinor invites us to open the debate of the meaning of these movements for European energy and climate policies makers.

Energy Storage in the Clean Energy for All Europeans Package



Brussels, 21 & 22 May

ease-storage.eu/event/cep-workshop/

EASE will host a workshop on the Energy Storage in the Clean Energy for All Europeans Package. This will be the opportunity for industry representatives, researchers, and policymakers to delve into the storage-related aspects of the package and debate the practical implications for the energy storage sector.