

# Information Bulletin



## Editorial

### An evening discussion with Commissioner Oettinger

On 20 March, the EEF offered to its members an evening discussion with the Energy Commissioner Günther Oettinger. His presentation is available on the European Commission website [http://ec.europa.eu/commission\\_2010-2014/oettinger/headlines/speeches/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/oettinger/headlines/speeches/index_en.htm)

We are thankful to Mr Oettinger for starting his presentation by showing respect and consideration for our Forum. *"It is now nearly thirty years since the European Energy Forum was set up. In thirty years, a lot has changed. We have more than doubled the membership of the EU. We have seen more than a 60-fold increase in the use of renewable electricity. Electricity demand has risen by 70%. And freight transport more than doubled in the 1980's and 1990's. (...) The European Energy Forum can look back with pride at its role in promoting energy debate during the past three decades."* (...) *"Where will we be in two, three or even four decades' time? I am grateful to the EEF, for giving me the chance to debate these questions with you today."*

I will come back on this successful event.

**Jean-Claude Charrault**  
 Director General

## Upcoming events

- 08/05/2012** Dinner-debate Brussels **19.30 for dinner at 20.00**  
***ENTSOE's Ten-Year Network Development Plan 2012: Conclusions for EU Energy Policy***  
 at the invitation of ENTSO-E
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- 22/05/2012** Dinner-debate Strasbourg  
***Unconventional Natural Gas: an opportunity for a new indigenous energy source for Europe***  
 at the invitation of Exxon Mobil
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- 30/05/2012** Dinner-debate Brussels **19.30 for dinner at 20.00**  
***Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) & LNG infrastructure: a major contribution to a sustainable, competitive and secure European gas market***  
 at the invitation of GIE-GLE
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- 13/06/2012** Lunchtime discussion Strasbourg  
***The future of the EU gas market: political ambitions versus reality check***  
 at the invitation of E-CONTROL
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Visit to Vaasa, Finland. Flexible power generation and renewable energy solutions.



## Past Events



Participants taking notes during the dinner-debate

### 17 April 2012: Dinner-Debate in Strasbourg

**Fuel Quality Directive: Defining the methodology to meet environmental targets while not jeopardizing the competitiveness of the EU refining industry** at the invitation of EUROPIA.

*“EUROPIA is convinced that only the single default value methodology for reporting upstream emissions will allow the EU to reach its objective without damaging the competitiveness of EU Refineries nor creating an excessive and unrealistic reporting burden for Member States”*  
Alessandro Bartelloni, executive officer at EUROPIA

<http://www.europeanenergyforum.eu/events/>



MEPs discussing during the meeting

### 18 April 2012: Internal meeting in Strasbourg General Assembly

Active Members of the EEF got together in Strasbourg to approve the results 2011 and budget for 2012 and review the activities of the Forum during the past year. Participants also discussed about relevant energy topics that may be addressed in future debates during the coming months.

EEF Active Members are MEPs from all political parties and nationalities from the European Parliament. The list of Active Members is available in our website: <http://www.europeanenergyforum.eu/members/active/all>



Romana Jordan, Vice-President of the EEF was leading the delegation.

### 25-27 April 2012:

**Visit to Vaasa, Finland. Flexible power generation and renewable energy solutions** at the invitation of Wärtsilä

*“As Vice-President of the European Energy Forum it has been my honour to lead a delegation from the EEF to Vaasa in Finland. The EEF is an open forum that promotes dialogue between Members of the European Parliament, the energy industry and officials from the European Commission. This visit was hosted by the diesel/gas engine developers, Wärtsilä, but incorporated many others from that region engaged in developing world leading technologies in the energy sector. (...)”*

*From the website of Romana Jordan :*  
[www.rjordancizelj.si](http://www.rjordancizelj.si)



## Updates from EEF Associate Members

### OGP has a new colleague

'OGP's newest staff member is **Caterina de Matteis** who joins as Administrative Assistant. Caterina will support OGP's Director EU Affairs. With a background in International and Diplomatic Sciences, Caterina previously worked for an Italian law firm specialising in EU competition law in Brussels where she also followed energy policy developments.'



## New Associate Members

SSE (formerly known as Scottish and Southern Energy) is a leading British electricity and gas company, operating mainly in the UK and Ireland. Listed at the London Stock Exchange and Headquartered in Perth (Scotland), SSE is involved in the generation and supply of electricity, the supply of gas, the operation of gas and telecoms networks and other energy-related services, such as gas storage, contracting, connections and metering.



Bas Batelaan, Head of European Affairs at SSE

**Bas Batelaan**, Head of European Affairs at SSE, explains: *"as renewable energy will play a critical role in the decarbonisation of the energy sector, the main focus of our investment programme is renewables. Therefore, we are very much in favour of more ambitious EU renewable policies, like a 2030 Climate and Energy Package, including binding targets on renewables, carbon reduction and energy efficiency."*

The EU office of SSE consists of Bas Batelaan (Head of European Affairs) and Reinout Wissenburg (European Affairs Manager).

LUKOIL is one of the largest international vertically integrated energy companies. Its main activities include exploration and development of oil and gas fields, production and marketing of petroleum and petrochemical products, generation of heat and power energy. LUKOIL operates in Russia and in 40 countries world-wide. In Europe, the company owns filling stations and 5 refineries.



Yury Lavrov, Director of Corporate Affairs at LUKOIL

LUKOIL was founded in November 1991 as a state oil company in the former Soviet Union. In 2000, it launched its global expansion with the acquisition of the American oil company Getty Oil. Four years later, LUKOIL assumed 779 Mobil fuel stations in the USA and in 2007 acquired 376 stations more in Europe. After 2008, LUKOIL has continuously expanded further into Western Europe.

The office in Brussels is represented by Mr **Yury Lavrov**, Director of Corporate Affairs.