

# Information Bulletin



## Editorial

### EP term comes to an end

April has come and with it the last plenary session of the European Parliament in Strasbourg. On 16 April, the EEF will hold its last General Assembly for the term, just before MEPs go back home to campaign if they are seeking re-election or to pursue other endeavours.

Time has come to express our thanks to Giles Chichester, for the 10 years as President of the EEF. We thank him for his commitment, his hard work, his leadership and his sense of humour. Giles is not seeking re-election but will remain EEF President until the end of his MEP mandate. He will oversee the period until the election of the new EEF President, on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

EEF Active Members will elect a new President at the General Assembly that will take place in Strasbourg, on 1<sup>st</sup> July. During this meeting, the Active Members will elect the President and Board while Associate Members will be invited to attend as observers. A reception will follow to which newly elected MEPs will be invited as well. We invite you to earmark your agendas and come with your colleagues.

Pascale Verheust  
*Director General*

## Upcoming events

**16/04/2014** Internal meeting in Strasbourg  
**General Assembly**  
At the invitation of **EEF** (Active Members attend)

**22-25/05/2014 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS**

**24/06/2014** **Workshop for new MEPs : EEF Presentation**  
(MEPs attend) *(lunch—more info will follow)*  
At the invitation of **EEF**

**01/07/2014** **General Assembly & Welcome reception**  
At the invitation of **EEF** (Active Members, Associate Members and newly elected MEPs attend)  
*(timing 18.00 tbc)*

**02/09/2014** Dinner-debate in Strasbourg  
**Renewables and gas – the perfect partners in heating**  
At the invitation of **Eurogas**





## EEF events

### EU Energy and Climate Policy towards 2030: Shift the course towards competitiveness

**11/03/2014: Dinner-debate in Strasbourg**



The last EEF debate in Strasbourg before the EU elections was hosted by the European Energy Industry Council (Cefic). As the forum of the chemical industry, Cefic explained the reasons why they are joining calls to the EU institutions for an industrial and technological policy compact to integrate European manufacturing towards 2030.

Hubert Mandery, Director General of Cefic, highlighted the challenges facing the European chemical businesses to maintain their competitiveness taking into account EU and national energy and climate policies. He also illustrated market and policy solutions enabling carbon-efficient growth and high skilled employment in Europe.



According to Mr Mandery, *“Beyond economic analysis and sometimes incoherent recommendations such as presented with the EC 2030 package, the European Institutions will require strategic redirection and priority setting for EU industrial and climate policy.”*

### Meeting the energy and climate challenge to 2050 the UK response

**17/03/2014: Dinner-debate in Brussels**



The decarbonisation of the energy sector and the way to mitigate the economic impact of the process on industry and consumers was the core topic of this dinner-debate hosted by EDF.

Mr. Jonathan Mills, Director of Electricity Market Reform for the Department of Energy and Climate Change, provided participants with an insight into the approach being undertaken in the UK. In his concluding remarks, Mr Mills highlighted the importance of state aid rules, which are *“from the UK’s point of view a critical part of a well functioning internal market. (...) but, he added, it’s really important that they work in a way which is consistent with the objectives that all Member States need to meet, (...) objectives which are reflected at EU level through the renewables target, the emissions reductions target and so forth.”*



This event put an end to the EEF programme of dinner-debates before the EU elections and was also the last dinner-debate chaired by Giles Chichester. Associate Members joined the staff of the EEF in thanking Giles for his excellent work and the debate concluded by a standing ovation.

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## EEF internal meetings



### Board Meeting

*12/03/2014: Internal Meeting in Strasbourg*

Board members got together in Strasbourg to discuss debates and activities to be organized by the EEF before and after the elections. The results 2013 and budget 2014 were also discussed.

### Industrial Technical Advisory Committee

*(ITAC) Meeting 12/03/2014: Internal Meeting in Brussels*



The last ITAC meeting before the European elections was an opportunity for Associate Members to discuss about the activities foreseen by the EEF until the end of 2014. The transition towards a new Parliament will also be a transition period for the EEF as a new President and Board of Directors will be elected. Giles Chichester, current President of the Forum, assured that he would oversee a smooth transition and informed that the new EEF President will be elected in July.

## EEF Members news



### 5th Stakeholder Joint Working Session (SJWS) for the Incremental Proposal [read more](#)

*08/04/2014: ENTSOG, Brussels*



### Public Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on Adequacy Methodology [read more](#)

*16/04/2014: ENTSO-E, Brussels*



### Workshop on plastic waste [read more](#)

*07/05/2014: CEWEP, Munich*



### The Future Role of the DSOs in the Retail Energy Market [read more](#)

*13/05/2014: GEODE, Brussels*

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## Timeline European Elections

The elections in May will bring significant changes to the EU institutions. The timeline below showcases some crucial dates of the pre and post elections period, as well as the events foreseen by the EEF during this process.

