

Information Bulletin



Editorial

Ristori speaks at EEF event

Dominique Ristori, Director-General of DG Energy, was the guest speaker of the EEF and offered members an excellent presentation to kick off the 2014 EEF events in Brussels. He started his speech by saying how pleased he was to be present because the EEF offers a place where cooperation and dialogue between the European Parliament, the European Commission and the industry can be developed around key challenges while also expressing the different opinions in a positive way. He added that we need a structured dialogue in order to progress in the right direction.

Dominique Ristori said we have reached a new momentum regarding the management of EU energy policy and touched upon many topics during his speech including climate, changes in the context of the world energy market, competitiveness, capacities, industry disappearing from the EU, cooperation with local actors and authorities. He insisted that we need less ideology and less emotion but that it is essential to investigate real things in terms of technologies and based on facts and figures.

Just a few hours before the presentation of the energy climate package of the European Commission, this debate was very timely. The EEF thanks Dominique Ristori for his excellent presentation and looks forward to welcoming him again at a future event.

Pascale Verheust
Director General

Next events

- 04/02/2014** Dinner-debate in Strasbourg
Completing the IEM and paving the way towards 2030 through network codes
At the invitation of **ENTSO-E**. *More information [here](#).*
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- 05/02/2014** Internal meeting in Strasbourg
Bureau Meeting
(President, Vice-President, Treasurer attend)
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- 11/02/2014** Dinner-debate in Brussels
The Commission's 2030 objectives - How realistic are they?
At the invitation of **CEZ Group**. *More info [here](#).*
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- 12/03/2014** Internal meeting in Strasbourg
Board of Directors (Board members attend)
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- 17/03/2014** Dinner-Debate in Brussels
Meeting the energy and climate challenge to 2050 - the UK response (Board members attend)
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- 25/03/2014** Internal meeting in Brussels
Industrial Technical Advisory Meeting
(Associate Members and Board Members attend)
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- 16/04/2014** Internal meeting in Strasbourg
General Assembly
At the invitation of **EEF** (Active Members attend)
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EEF events

Competitiveness: Vital Importance of Gas for Industry and Agriculture

14/01/2014: Dinner-debate in Strasbourg



The EEF resumed its activities with a dinner-debate hosted by Fertilizers Europe. This time, the purpose of the debate was to engage a discussion on the direct implications of energy policies for energy intensive industries, namely in this case producers of fertilizers.

The cost of energy for such industries has a direct impact on the product these provide. If we take the example of fertilizers, natural gas is a major feedstock for the production of ammonia, which is used in the elaboration of plant food.



Marek Kaplucha, Vice President of Fertilizers Europe and guest speaker at the dinner-debate, highlighted the importance of getting competitive gas for the fertilizers industry. He explained that the Commission's new trade modernization proposal could help improving this competitiveness, in particular, *"a legal clause that permits the removal of the lesser duty rule in anti-dumping and anti-subsidy proceedings when there is a proven case of structural distorted raw materials costs, for example gas dual pricing."*

European Energy Policy: challenges and perspectives

21/01/2014: Dinner-debate in Brussels



Mr **Dominique Ristori** was the guest speaker of the EEF on 21 January. During his intervention, the recently appointed **Director General of DG Energy** summed up the current situation of the energy sector in the EU and highlighted the key points to be addressed in the future. Mr Ristori recalled the importance of this sector which concerns *"90% of economic activities"* and has direct consequences on the population, being *"impossible to imagine a life without energy"*. In that sense, he had proposed to his staff at the beginning of the year *"to work supporting economy and also protecting the environment because we cannot ignore that 80% of the world emissions are coming from the use of energy of the production of energy"*.



Mr Ristori closed his speech by recalling the need for *"fully structured and organised cooperation"* to achieve the current energy objectives. This cooperation, he said, should be displayed from the European to the local level, and involve all stakeholders: institutions, industry and consumers.



EEF members

Vivian Bouzali will be the EEF contact of new member Mytilineos



*Vivian Bouzali,
Communications Director
at Mytilineos Holdings*

Since April 2010, **Vivian Bouzali** is the Group Communication Director of **Mytilineos Holdings**, a strong, competitive European Industrial Group, active in the sectors of Energy, Metallurgy & Mining, as well as in the Construction of large-scale Energy and Infrastructure projects. It is the dominant independent Electricity producer and natural gas supplier in Greece.

She was previously a Member of the Hellenic Parliament, with the New Democracy Party. Before that, she was Senior Advisor to the Chairman of Hellenic Post Office (ELTA). Prior to her appointment at ELTA, she was the VP and General Director of Human Capital Improvement S.A., a consulting-training firm specialized in strategic sales, marketing, and communications.

Vivian Bouzali studied applied psychology in the Loyola University of Chicago and holds an Ed.M in Organizational Psychology from Harvard University and an MBA from the University of Louisville.

Arturo Gonzalo, Repsol's representative at the EEF



*Arturo Gonzalo,
Corporate Director of
Institutional Relations and Corporate
Responsibility at
Repsol*

Arturo Gonzalo is the Corporate Director of Institutional Relations and Corporate Responsibility of **Repsol**, who joined the EEF last month.

Before this, Mr Gonzalo was Managing Director of the Environmental Protection Agency of the Region of Madrid and Secretary General for Pollution Prevention and Climate Change in the Ministry of Environment of the Government of Spain. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Spanish Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE). In December 2010 he was elected Chairman of the Spanish National Committee of the World Energy Council and Vice President of the Club Español de la Energía.

Arturo Gonzalo has regularly performed academic activities in the Energy Institute of Madrid, as well as in several Spanish universities. He has also published numerous articles and collaborations in Spanish and international publications.

The company he represents, Repsol, is developing upstream and downstream activities worldwide, comprising the exploration and production of hydrocarbons, liquefied petroleum gas, chemicals and new energy; as well refining and marketing activities.



EEF members

EEF's member ENeRG elects new President



Dr Constantin Stefan Sava, President of ENeRG

EEF's associate member **ENeRG**, the European Network for Research in Geo-Energy, has appointed its new President for the term of 2014-2015. His name is **Constantin Stefan Sava** and he is Head of Department in the frame of the National Institute for Marine Geology and Geoecology (GeoEcoMar).

Mr Sava is a senior Scientist who has over 35 years of experience in Geological Surveys, with sound experience in design and research activities, as well as in supervision and management of studies in the Romania.

As Project Engineer and Project Manager, he was involved in complex prospecting works developed on different geological areas of Romania within the frame of national and international projects.

Working as a Design Engineer and then as a Senior Research for numerous geophysical prospecting works, Dr. Sava gained sound experience in geophysical surveys and he was awarded with the prize "Gheorghe Murgoci" of the Romanian Academy.

EEF members news

ESMIG's Summit in Brussels



EEF Member ESMIG is organising a high level conference to engage a discussion on the EU smart meters roll-out according to 2020 targets. Dominique Ristori, new Director General of DG Energy, will be the guest speaker at this event held on **5 March 2014** in Brussels.

The meeting aims to offer a floor for discussion on short and long-term strategies to overcome the barriers in the roll out of Smart Meters in Europe. Mr. Ristori will share Europe's energy outlook and engage in a discussion on potential solutions from a regulatory and industry perspective. In the afternoon, a set of recommendations will be drafted and co-signed by all executives.

For more information, please click [here](#).

