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Editorial

The start of a new era

Jerzy Buzek was elected President of the European Energy Forum during the meeting that gathered Active Members and Associate Members of the EEF last week in Strasbourg.

In his acceptance speech, Jerzy Buzek thanked Giles for his confidence and trust. He said that as President he would guarantee openness in discussion, transparency and hard work. He added that there is no energy resource without weaknesses and that deep discussions are needed.

The EEF team congratulates Jerzy Buzek and looks forward to working with him.

It is with great emotion that the EEF said goodbye to its President Giles Chichester that day and to some of its Vice-Presidents.

With this column, the EEF would like to thank outgoing EEF Vice-Presidents **Edit Herczog, Romana Jordan, Britta Thomsen, Norbert Glante** and **Alejo Vidal-Quadras**.

Their work, dedication and support throughout these years have been of utmost importance to the EEF. We thank them for their involvement in the EEF and wish them the best in their new endeavours.

Pascale Verheust
Director General

Upcoming events

02/09/2014

Dinner-debate in Brussels

Renewables and gas – the perfect partners in heating

At the invitation of **Eurogas**

16/09/2014

Dinner-debate in Strasbourg

Energy perspectives - the outlook for global macroeconomics and energy markets towards 2040

At the invitation of **Statoil**

23/09/2014

Dinner-debate in Brussels

ExxonMobil Energy Outlook 2040 with focus on Europe

At the invitation of **ExxonMobil**

07/10/2014

Dinner-debate in Brussels

Flexibility challenge - will market deliver?

At the invitation of **Wärtsilä**



**Jerzy Buzek and
Giles Chichester**

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EEF events

EEF workshop for MEPs

24/06/2014: Reception lunch in Brussels



The EEF organised a workshop for MEPs after the European elections in May. The workshop was intended to all MEPs interested in energy issues who wanted to get more information about the activities of the EEF.

The workshop, held on 24 June, kicked off with an introduction from Giles **Chichester**, outgoing President of the EEF. He described the Forum as the place where *"MEPs can meet with representatives from the different industries at the same time, discuss in a transparent environment and get professional advice"*.



Samuele Furfari, European Commissioner said that the European Commission supports the Forum and believes a transparent dialogue with the MEPs is needed. *"Energy is a complex topic, it is also a technological, economical and social issue. It is easy to explain one aspect of energy, but one needs the full story. The EEF is a place where MEPs can meet with the EC but also with a whole range of Industry representatives."*



Giles Chichester gave the floor to the participants, who didn't miss the opportunity to raise their questions. Some of the replies came from outgoing MEPs that were present at the workshop to encourage their colleagues in engaging in EEF discussions. **Edit Herczog**, one of EEF's vice-presidents and MEP from Hungary, recalled how she *"had been impressed, when attending one of the first EEF events, about the respect showed by MEPs from different parties to one another"*, which is, she said, *"a very good example of democracy and transparency"*.

Regarding a question on EEF visits, Ms Herczog explained these activities are *"an excellent opportunity to get hands-on experience on specific energy issues, especially those being more controversial, and get accurate information from experts dealing with those issues on a daily basis, regardless the MEPs' political position on the matter"*.



A number of EEF Associate Members were also present during the lunch. An industry representative attending the event described EEF discussion as an opportunity for the industry to *"test how their views and positions on energy issues are seen by MEPs and other stakeholders, put them in contrast and discuss them all together"*.

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EEF General Assembly and Reception *1st July 2014: Reception in Strasbourg*

The EEF Active Members (MEPs) elected the Board of Directors and President last week in Strasbourg. The list below was presented to vote was approved by the Active Members attending the meeting:

Buzek Jerzy, EPP – Poland **President**
 Caspary Daniel, EPP- Germany
 del Castillo Vera Pilar, EPP - Spain
 Ford Vicky, ECR - United Kingdom
 Gill Neena, S&D -United Kingdom
 Helmer Roger, EFD - United Kingdom
 Ransdorf Miloslav, GUE-NGL -Czech Republic
 Reul Herbert, EPP - Germany
 Rübiger Paul, EPP - Austria
 Urutchev Vladimir, EPP - Bulgaria
 van Nistelrooij Lambert, EPP – Netherlands



In his acceptance speech, Jerzy Buzek said that as President he would guarantee openness in discussion, transparency and hardwork. He added that there is no energy resource without weaknesses and that deep discussions are needed. Jerzy Buzek, who has been Vice-President of the EEF for the last 10 years, thanked Giles for his confidence and trust. He wished Giles Chichester all the best in his new life without the EP. He added that we will welcome him anytime, with his advice and tremendous sense of humour. He called on his colleagues MEPs to invite other MEPs to attend EEF events



Associate Members of the EEF (companies, associations, research organisations and regulators) attended the meeting as well. This meeting was also the occasion to meet newly elected MEPs and inform them on the role of the European Energy Forum, an informal structure offered to MEPs who wish to be better informed on energy issues through a free and direct contact with key players in the energy field.



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- 4th: Morten Helveg Petersen (ALDE, DK)

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