

# Information Bulletin



## Editorial

### Consumers

Consumers will be at the center of the next EEF discussions.

The energy market is becoming slowly but surely a reality. Even if only one third of Member States have a market totally opened, the recent Country-specific Recommendation addressed by the European Commission to Member States insist on the removal of internal barriers that limit the consumer in its choice. The EEF will take advantage of its Associate Members' experience to further develop the knowledge of this fundamental evolution in the relation between retailers and consumers. After almost 20 years of talks and negotiations, we are approaching the final aim: the consumer is king.

In June, EEF members will have the opportunity to exchange views on the challenges and the industry perspectives regarding **Smart Meter-related privacy**, data protection and security

In September, we will debate how to improve **consumer satisfaction** in the **energy retail market**. Two complementary events will allow us to understand the perspective from E-control, Austrian regulator, and the perspective from EWE, an energy company. (*please refer to the column on the right for information*).

Pascale Verheust  
Director General

## Upcoming events

18/06/2013

Dinner-debate Brussels

***Smart Meters & Consumer: what happens to my data?***

At the invitation of **ESMIG**

02/09/2013

Dinner-debate in Brussels

***Consumer Energy Retail Markets in Europe - 12 Years after Liberalization***

At the invitation of **E-Control**

10/09/2013

Dinner-debate in Strasbourg

***Consumer orientation as a competitive advantage in the energy retail market***

At the invitation of **EWE**

16-17/09/2013

EEF visit to Barcelona

***Smart Grid Installations***

At the invitation of **EDSO for Smart Grids**

04/11/2013

Dinner-debate in Brussels

***Affordable & Locally Available Energy: Waste-to-Energy***

At the invitation of **CEWEP**

13/11/2013

Dinner-debate in Brussels

***Coal, Poland and COP19***

At the invitation of **Euracoal**





## EEF events

### Energy Post 2020 roadmap for the Chemical industry

21/05/2013: Dinner-debate in Strasbourg

At the invitation of CEFIC



The European Chemical Industry Council (**CEFIC**) has recently released a Roadmap to analyse the challenges and opportunities that technology development may bring to the chemical industry from 2020 to 2050. This dinner-debate was an opportunity to present the roadmap and discuss about how energy and environmental policies affect the chemical sector.



Speakers **Russel Mills** and **Brian Davies**

In words of one the speakers, Russel Mills, Global Director of Energy & Climate Change Policy for Dow Chemical, the chemical industry has specific characteristics that determine the way in which this sector is affected by energy and climate policies: *"Firstly, our industry is truly global (...) We are therefore subject to tough competition with other regions which enjoy cost advantages including access to cheaper raw materials, lower energy costs and differences in government policies. (...) Secondly, the chemical industry is strongly integrated into the rest of the European economy. We are key suppliers to other sectors. Without local chemicals production, many manufacturing businesses would not exist."*

### Vision for Sustainable Shipping : Fuelling the Future



Pascale Verheust, EEF; Giles Chichester, EEF President; Jaakko Eskola, speaker

Shipping plays an essential role in global trade. 90% of world trade is carried by the sea, according to the International Maritime Organisation. Measures need to be taken by the shipping industry to reduce emissions and improve energy efficiency. Flexible fuels, clear targets for minimized emissions, vessel safety to reduce safety & environmental risks, total efficiency of the vessel and fleet optimization are all part of the equation.



Kari Hietanen, Wärtsilä

**Jaakko Eskola**, President of Ship Power and Executive Vice President of **Wärtsilä** Corporation, highlighted 7 issues to be tackled for the deployment of infrastructure for an LNG fuel based maritime industry : *"developing financial instruments to secure future economical operations, ensuring the presence of competent crew in energy fuelled vessels, harmonizing safety regulation, developing pilot port projects to demonstrate feasibility and advantages of LNG, taking long term decisions in emission regulation, implementing common guidelines for permit processes and developing a European LNG market with an open, public and transparent LNG pricing."*



## Members news and energy events



### Hearing on the Internal Energy Market

06/06/2013

Prof. **Jerzy Buzek**, former EP President and ITRE rapporteur on the Internal Energy Market, is hosting a hearing on the **internal energy market** next Thursday 6 June at the European Parliament. Mr **Günther Oettinger**, Commissioner for Energy, has been invited as keynote speaker for this event. More information is available [here](#).

### Discussing cleaner air during the Green Week 2013

4-7/06/2013

Taking place the year in which the Commission's current air policy is reviewed, the **Green Week 2013 on Cleaner Air** will be an opportunity for debate and exchange of best practices on the improvement of air quality. The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Green Week organised by DG Environment from **4 to 7 June** will be held at the new **Egg Conference Center**.

### Eurelectric

06/06/2013

EEF member Eurelectric will hold a conference to raise awareness on the effects of small scale residential heating and its consequences on air quality.

### Eurogas

07/06/2013

The contribution of natural gas to pollution mitigation will be the focus of the seminar that our member Eurogas is co-organising under the banner of Green Week 2013.

### EU Sustainable Energy Week 2013

24-28/06/2013

The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the EU Sustainable Week (EUSEW) organised by the European Commission will take place from 24-28 June. The objective of this initiative launched in 2006 is to promote **energy efficiency** and **renewable energy solutions**.

[EEF Associate Members](#) are planning different events under the banner of the Sustainable Energy Week this year. Please check the sustainable energy week [website](#) for further information on the programme of events.