

# Information Bulletin



## Editorial

### A fruitful discussion with Commissioner Oettinger

Commissioner Oettinger was invited by the European Energy Forum to speak at one of its dinner-debates on 19 February. Around 20 MEPs and 100 Associate Members were present for the third intervention of Günter Oettinger at an EEF event and had the privilege to listen to a landmark speech.

Commissioner Oettinger touched upon a wide range of topics during his speech, such as the Europeanisation of the energy policy, the development of infrastructure and investments at a pan-European level, the ETS, the need for energy targets, energy price and the future of shale gas. Commissioner insisted on a pragmatic approach needed in energy policy and on the importance of renewable energy targets.

After his speech, the Commissioner answered to the questions raised by some of the attendees showing his excellent command of energy dossiers and spicing up the debate with some notes of humour which let the audience very satisfied.

The atmosphere throughout the event was very good and he concluded that if invited again, it would be a pleasure for him to accept the invitation.

The European Energy Forum looks forward to its next event with Commissioner Oettinger.

## Upcoming events

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| <b>12/03/2013</b>    | <b>Dinner-debate Strasbourg</b><br><i><b>Smart Grid challenges and electricity distributors' responsibilities</b></i><br>At the invitation of ERDF & EDSO for Smart Grids |
| <b>13/03/2013</b>    | <i><b>Board meeting</b></i> Strasbourg<br><i>President, Treasurer and Vice-Presidents and Directors of the EEF attend</i>   |
| <b>19/03/2013</b>    | <b>Dinner-debate Brussels</b><br><i><b>Innovation powering sustainable cities</b></i><br>At the invitation of EDF   |
| <b>26/03/2013</b>    | <i><b>ITAC meeting</b></i> Brussels<br><i>Board &amp; Associate Members of the EEF attend</i>   |
| <b>17/04/2013</b>    | <i><b>General Assembly</b></i> , Strasbourg<br><i>All active Members attend</i>   |
| <b>23/04/2013</b>    | <b>Dinner-debate Brussels</b><br><i><b>Air quality in Europe: the future is electric</b></i><br>At the invitation of Eurelectric  |
| <b>01-03/05/2013</b> | <i><b>Fact-finding mission to Singapore and Malaysia in the framework of the biofuels discussions</b></i><br>At the invitation of Neste Oil                               |



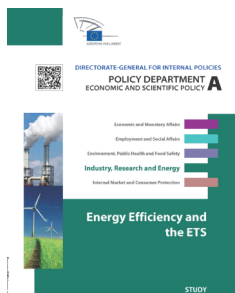


## EEF events

### EU ETS on the edge

**05/02/2013: Dinner-debate in Strasbourg**

At the invitation of CEZ Group



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ITRE's study on ETS

A dinner-debate on EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) was held by the European Energy Forum to discuss about the current situation of one of the cornerstones of EU policies to tackle climate change. CEZ Group, which was hosting the dinner, put on the table some proposals to improve the system. The presentation opened avenues for a debate where participants expressed a wide range of points of view as regards the next steps to be taken in the short run to ensure that the current surplus of allowances does not undermine the correct functioning of the carbon market.

A few days later, ENVI, the lead committee on this dossier, approved the backloading of allowances proposed by the Commission as a temporary solution to increase carbon prices. The backloading proposal had previously been rejected by ITRE Committee. A plenary vote will be held in the coming months.

*"The regulation of RES and efficiency destroys the free market since the prices do not promote investment into stable generation (...). Such a development could be avoided if the ETS system were corrected and generated real price of carbon. Ambitious backloading could be the first promising step, at least rebuilding the trust in carbon market. However, structural, systemic change shall follow soon. Otherwise we are to lose the unique option to decarbonise our economies on the market basis and get even more dependent on direct regulation."* **Zuzana Krejcirivova, CEZ Group.**

### Innovative technologies ready for the Supergrid

**06/02/2013: Lunchtime discussion in Strasbourg**

At the invitation of Friends of the Supergrid (FOSG)



During the Strasbourg week in March, Friends of the Supergrid hosted a lunchtime discussion to present the latest technological developments related to high voltage electricity grids, such as the DC current interruption enabling planning of the HVDC Supergrid, concluding that the critical time-line for the introduction of new technologies lies primarily in non-technical issues.

Speakers **Magnus Callavik** and **Sven Achenbach** from **ABB** and **SIEMENS** asked MEPs to "push for political support at National level and for fast real implementation of the upcoming new regulation on TENs, as well as for harmonization of regulatory frameworks and support for large demonstration projects with all stakeholders involved." FOSG called for support to "educate the public on the economic benefits of the Supergrid in terms of job creation and sustainability, ensure open markets for industry participation in the Supergrid and engage financial investment."



## EEF events

### An evening discussion with Commissioner Oettinger, 19 February 2013



## Energy Events

### Council of Europe :

15/03/2013

Hearing on 'Energy diversification as a fundamental contribution to sustainable development', Berlin

### Friends of the Supergrid

19/03/2013 Conference "Supergrid 2013: No Transition without Transmission", Brussels

### EDSO for Smart Grids

21/03/2013 Conference "How to Turn the Global Smart Grid Challenges into Successes", Brussels

### Cogen Europe

18-19/04/2013 Cogen Europe Annual Conference and 20th anniversary, Brussels

