

# Information Bulletin

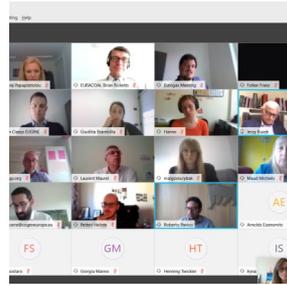
September 2020



High-level message and discussion



Very dedicated Commissioner



Well attended online ITAC meeting



Updates on EEF Programme and Members' side

## On the EEF Programme

### Briefing on Hydrogen for MEPs Advisers

**2 October— 9:30 - 12:10 (CET) and 16 October—10:00 - 11:15 (CET)**

Online briefing session via WEBEX—registration required

### Clean Fuels for all

**12 October—11:00 - 12:15 (CET)**

Online energy debate via WEBEX—registration required with the cooperation of Neste and FuelsEurope

## Online energy debate with Kadri Simson, European Commissioner for Energy



### An exchange of views with Kadri Simson, European Commissioner for Energy - 14 July 2020

Before the summer break, the EEF had the pleasure to welcome **European Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson** for a successful energy exchange.



In her opening speech, Commissioner Simson explained that today's work on clean energy is a cornerstone for ensuring a green, efficient recovery from the Covid-19 crisis. The initiatives on the European Commission's table are many and all aim to strengthen the EU resilience, while enhancing its role as global leader.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, the first two building blocks of the future energy system were set: the strategies on hydrogen and on energy system integration. Deeper integration will entail a deep transformation on all sides of the energy system, through a three-step approach. First,

efficiency and circularity should be enhanced. Second, electrification should be used where possible. Finally, the EU needs to become a leader in clean gases and fuels – hydrogen, biofuels and biogas.

Simultaneously, hydrogen should become quickly easily available. Demand should be scaled up and supply secured. The creation of a dedicated infrastructure and market should follow. All this would help make the EU an international leader in the sector. Commissioner Simson explained that the significant development of green, renewable hydrogen is the main aim of the related strategy, but low-carbon hydrogen will also play a role, especially in hard-to-abate sectors. The European Clean Hydrogen Alliance will help by involving all stakeholders and civil society in the discussion, by mobilising investment, and by enabling the required transformations on the production, transport, and consumption side.

These strategies won't work in isolation but in coordination with all the initiatives yet to come: the renovation wave, the offshore wind strategy, and the revision of the TEN-E regulation among others will be key.

The energy transition also calls for unprecedented transformation of the EU industry, to be supported by significant investments. National policies stimulating private ones are crucially needed.

Together with **EEF President Jerzy Buzek**, many MEPs provided their contributions from the panel: **EEF Vice-President Pilar del Castillo**, **EEF Director Franc Bogovič**, **EEF Active Members Maria Spyra**ki and **Ondřej Knotek**, and **MEP Jutta Paulus**. They touched upon hydrogen market design, unbundling rules, energy poverty, the challenges faced by EU rural areas, building renovation and the promotion of construction material circularity, the use of CCS and nuclear in hydrogen production, technological openness and the EU taxonomy, the key role of civil society, energy efficiency, and the possibility to introduce a carbon flow price in the ETS.

The raised points translated in an open, interactive, and fruitful exchange between the Commissioner, the MEPs on the panel and the EEF Associate Members in the audience. Commissioner Simson took the time to address all points and answer all questions. She concluded by renewing her congratulations on the successful 25 years of the European Energy Forum.

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## Industrial and Technical Advisory Committee meeting held on 15 July



The EEF held its yearly ITAC meeting where we discussed the changes in the EEF in the last months and the future of EEF events taking into account the new sanitary rules.

We were pleased to see so many Associate Members available for the discussion. As always, the EEF can count on its Board composed of MEPs to be represented in the meeting and offer the view from the MEPs.

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## EEF Members updates



Danish Energy is pleased to announce that **Lars Koch** is officially the new **Director of EU Affairs** since the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. He is heading up the Brussels-office.

Lars Koch has eight years of experience working with environmental and sustainability issues in the EU and holds a specialized Master in European Affairs from the College of Europe.

Before joining Danish Energy, he spent 5 years as Assistant Manager for Take-Back Operations & Circular Economy in Sony. He was responsible for recycling compliance and take-back operations, compliance with energy efficiency requirements and representing Sony externally. As such, he was Chairman of DIGITALEUROPE's Waste Cluster group from 2016-2019 and part of the CEN-CENELEC Material Efficiency Standardization Group.

Lars Koch is excited to work with the ever more important and pressing climate and energy related issues in EU and will fight for a greener future for all Europeans.