



Energy Transition Engine of Growth in Europe's Regions?

8 October 2014, 14:30-18:30h,
GIZ Representation, Rue du Trône 108, 1050 Brussels

Programme

Moderation: Sonja van Rensen, Co-Founder, Energy Post

14:00-14:30 Registration

14:30-14:35 Welcome
CEDEC, Energy Cities, GIZ

14:35-15:05 Setting the Stage

Keynote speech "Regional and local development by energy transition"

- **Tanja Gönner**, CEO, GIZ; former Minister for Environment of the German Federal State Baden-Württemberg

Regional Development by New Energy Technologies and Innovation

- **Jens Bartholmes**, Policy Officer, DG ENERGY



15:05 – 17:00 Presentation of Case Studies (including Q&A)

- **Catarina Freitas**, Director, Department of Environment, Municipality of Almada, Portugal
- **Andrzej Czernecki**, Mayor, City Hall of Jaslo, Poland (tbc)
- **Nicolas Flechon**, Deputy Director for Grids, Innovation and Smart Energy, Gaz Electricité de Grenoble (GEG), France
- **Benjamin Dannemann**, Public Affairs Officer, Agency for Renewable Energy, Germany

17:00-17:30 Coffee Break

17:30 – 18:30 Panel Debate: “Energy Transition Engine: Keeping Growth in Motion?”

- **Bo Frank**, Mayor, Vaxjo, Sweden; Vice-President of Energy Cities
- **Matthias Duerr**, Head of Liaison Office Brussels, RWE (tbc)
- **Heidi Ranscombe**, Senior Public Affairs Advocate, Consumer Focus, UK (tbc)
- **Rudolf Niessler**, Director Policy, DG REGIO
- **Janusz Lewandowski**, Member of the European Parliament and Former EU Commissioner (tbc)

Closing Remarks by Moderator

18:30 Reception