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High-level Opening: Involve citizens and local actors in the European Energy Union



Rudi Oss

CEDEC President and President of Dolomiti Energia

Rudi Oss is the Chairman of Dolomiti Energia, Trento, Confservizi of Trentino Alto Adige and of Miscellaneous Industries Section, which includes the energy sector of Confindustria Trento. Since the mid-1990s he has been active in politics and he was President of the Trentino Tyrolean Autonomist Party from 2002 to 2007. Oss holds a Master degree in transnational law. He became CEDEC President in 2014 and will hold this title until 2016.



Maroš Šefčovič

European Commission Vice-President for the Energy Union

Maros Šefcovic is a Slovak diplomat and the current Vice-President of the European Commission, in charge of Energy Union. His area of responsibility includes the establishing of a European Energy Union by connecting infrastructures and enforcing legislation to help drive down costs for citizens and businesses, improve energy security, mobilize additional investment in power grids, renewable energy installations and other energy infrastructure, and improve energy efficiency. Prior to that, he was the European Commissioner for Interinstitutional Relations and Administration (2010-2014). From 2004 to 2009, he was the Slovak Permanent Representative to the European Union



Peter van Kemseke

Member of Cabinet, Commission Vice-President for the Energy Union

Peter Van Kemseke studied contemporary history and global politics and holds a PhD in the history of international relations. In 2001, he joined the Belgian diplomatic service until 2009, when he joined the Permanent Representation of Belgium to the EU. Peter was acting COREPER I-Ambassador, before joining the cabinet of the Belgian Foreign Affairs Minister (2011) and of the Belgian Vice Prime Minister/Finance Minister (2012). In November 2012, he started working as deputy head of Cabinet of Van Rompuy and in 2014 he became member of Cabinet of the Vice-President for the Energy Union.



Annemarie Jorritsma

President, Council of European Municipalities and Regions, The Netherlands

Annemarie Jorritsma is President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) since December 2013. She is also Vice-President of the European Section of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). Ms Jorritsma was Mayor of Almere (Netherlands) till September 2015 and has been a member of the Dutch Senate since June 2015. From 1994 to 1998, she was Minister of Transport, Public Works and Water Management. From 1998 to 2002, she was Vice Prime Minister of the Netherlands and Minister of Economic Affairs. Until June 2015, she was President of CEMR national Association of Netherlands Municipalities, VNG.



Helmut Herdt

CEO, Stadtwerke Magdeburg, Germany

Helmut Herdt is managing director of SWM Magdeburg since March 1993 and spokesman since 2000. In October 2014, he became presidium member of VKU. Prior to his engagement at SWM Magdeburg, Mr Herdt worked for many years as an attorney-at-law. From 1991 until 1993, Helmut Herdt took over management tasks at the municipal administration of Magdeburg, state capital of Saxony-Anhalt. Helmut studied law at the Free University of Berlin.

Consumer choice in competitive energy markets: who wins?



Catherine Waddams

Professor, University of East Anglia & CERRE

Catherine Waddams (formerly Price) is a faculty member of Centre for Competition Policy (CCP) and Professor in Norwich Business School, which she joined in 2000. She was director of CCP until July 2011. From 1995 to 2000 she was founding Director of the Centre for Management under Regulation and Professor in Warwick Business School, and prior to that senior lecturer in economics at the University of Leicester. Her research interests are in the area of Industrial Organization, and she has published widely on privatization, regulation and the introduction of competition, especially in energy markets. She is particularly interested in the distributional impact of regulatory reform, and consumer choice in newly opened markets, both in the UK and elsewhere.

From Paris 2015 to EU 2030 - Is Europe leading or lagging?



Brigitte Knopf

Secretary General, Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change, Adviser to IPCC

Brigitte is Secretary General of MCC since February 2015. She is responsible for Management and Strategy, Science Management and Cooperation with universities and stakeholders from government, business and civil society. Before joining MCC, she was deputy head of the research domain Sustainable Solutions at the Potsdam-Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) and head of the group Energy Strategies Europe and Germany. As an expert for the German Energiewende and the EU climate and energy policy, she coordinated a model comparison on the effects of technology choices on EU climate policy that is closely linked to the EU Energy Roadmap. Recently she coordinated the Euro-CASE assessment of the EU emissions trading scheme.



Gerhard Holtmeier

CEO, Thüga (Multi-utility company, Germany)

Dr. Holtmeier studied Law at the Albert-Ludwigs-University, in Germany. In 1992, he joined Ruhrgas AG, where he worked in sales and then as a personal assistant to an Executive Board Member. In 2000, he became managing director in Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie KGaA (Köln) and worked for the division "Energy and Public sector". In 2007 he was member of the Executive Board of VNG (Leipzig) and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Erdgas Mobil e.V. (Berlin). In 2009 he worked as a lawyer in the consulting area with emphasis on the Energy Industry. In 2010 he joined Thüga AG and Contigas AG, Munich, where he has been Member of the Executive Boards (Energy Management) and Member of several Supervisory Boards of Thüga affiliates. Since 2012 he is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of NGVA Europe (Madrid).



Serge de Gheldere

Founder Futureproofed, partner Klimaatzaak

Serge de Gheldere is the CEO and co-founder of Futureproofed, a consultancy focused completely on tackling climate change with business models. In 2006, Serge was part of a select group of individuals personally trained by Al Gore to become a global warming "ambassador". Since then Serge has given many hundreds of lectures on climate change, oil decline and the opportunity of a low-carbon future to a wide variety of audiences. In addition, Serge leads the Klimaatzaak in Belgium, a non-profit that started legal action against the federal and regional governments of Belgium. The Klimaatzaak's demand is that Belgium would reduce 40% by 2020, with a minimum of 25% with respect to 1990.



Wolfgang Weber

Vice-President EU Government Relations, BASF Group

Wolfgang has a PhD in Chemistry and Post-doctoral studies in Computational Chemistry and Biology. He started his career as a systems analyst at SAP in Germany. Since 1999 until 2006, he held various manager positions related to energy policy and general government affairs in VCO (a German Chemical Industry Association). In 2006 he joined BASF as Head of Energy and Climate Policy, and in 2011 he became Vice-President EU Government Relations.



Richard Lavergne

Advisor to the Director-General for Energy & Climate, Ministry of Sustainable Development, France

Richard has been working at the French Ministry of Sustainable Development since 2008. He is Advisor to both the Director-General for Energy and Climate, and to the Commissioner-General for Sustainable Development. Since 2006 he is also Vice-President of the Standing Long Term Committee and Co-chair of the Thematic Group on Energy Strategies, Scenarios & Forecast. He started to work for the French administration in 1980 as a mining engineer and in 1995 he became Secretary-General of the Observatory for energy and raw materials, position he held for thirteen years.

Local multi-utilities: Outdated or Innovative?



Marc Nicolai

Partner, KPMG (Germany)

As a consulting partner within Strategy & Operations Germany and member of the global KPMG Energy and Natural Resources network, Marc has been responsible for many regional utility and distribution projects. Marc started his career with ABB in Germany and worked for A.T. Kearney before founding the specialized management consulting firm CTG, which joint forces with KPMG in 2014. Marc's client base in the energy business comprises of many regional utilities and DSO. Some of his international clients are Vattenfall, E.ON with its regional distribution subsidiaries, as well as ENERCON.



Giovanni Valotti

President, A2A (Multi-utility company, Italy) and Utilitalia, Italian federation of multi-utility companies

Giovanni Valotti is the Chairman of A2A and Full Professor of Economics of Businesses and Public Administrations at Bocconi University. At the same university he is Rector's Delegate for institutional relations. He is also chairman of Utilitalia, the federation established from the merge between Federutility and Federambiente, which brings together operators of water, electricity, gas and environment services: 577 associated businesses, 90 thousand employees and an overall production value of 40 billion euros.



Fran Vanbrabant

CEO, Infrax (Multi-utility DSO, Belgium)

Frank studied Commercial Engineering and Management Information Systems. He started his career at Philips Matsushita in Tessenderlo and then he worked for several years as a logistics and purchasing manager in different companies. In 1999 he was employed by the former Inter Electra (now Infrax Limburg and its current employer) to implement a new structure in the purchasing and logistics department. In 2007, Frank became Director of Customer Service and Purchasing. In 2012 he became Director of Customer Service and Operations and launched an ambitious plan to increase customer satisfaction while improving efficiency. This achievement, among others, allowed him to become CEO of Infrax in 2014.



Inete Ielite

Member of the Sustainable Energy Action Plan Board, Riga

Inete Ielite is a Management Board Member of the Riga Sustainable Energy Action Plan and a Member of the Riga City Advisory Council of Energy Supply Experts, advising Riga City Council in the areas of policy development and finance. As a member of European and national consultative councils and working groups she is also involved in policy and legislation development. Inete coordinates and supervises international and national research, demonstration and cooperation projects. She has worked for the UNESCO Latvian National Commission, Latvian government and Riga City and has been recognised several times by the Prime Minister's and Cabinet of Ministers' awards.



Eric Houtman

Member of the Board, National Energy Ombudsmen Network (NEON)

Eric Houtman is the Belgian energy ombudsman (Dutch-speaking) since 2009. With 10 years' experience as an expert in income tax, he began working in 2000 for the Deputy Prime Minister and Budget Minister as the Adviser for fiscal affairs, budget, energy, environment and sustainable development; and then from 2008 as the Deputy Cabinet Director in the office of the Federal Minister for Climate and Energy. In 2010 the Belgian energy ombudsman was the founding member of NEON (National Energy Ombudsman Network), an

independent, not for profit Europe-wide network made up of ombudsmen and mediation services in the energy sector.

He is also part of the Executive Committee of the Consumer Ombudsman Service, launched in June 2015 as an umbrella entity for the alternative resolution of consumer disputes by economic sectors in Belgium.

Parallel sessions

Building synergies in local energy infrastructures (heating & cooling, power, natural gas)



John Dulac

Energy Analyst, International Energy Agency (IEA)

John is an Energy Analyst in the Sustainable Policy and Technology division of the International Energy Agency. He leads the energy technology and policy analysis in the buildings sector, contributing to IEA efforts to better understand the implications for a low-carbon economy. He also leads the IEA's Collaborative on Combined Heat and Power and efficient District Heating and Cooling (CHP/DHC). John is the desk officer for the Implementing Agreements on Energy Conservation through Energy Storage (ECES), Heat Pump Technologies (HPT), District Heating and Cooling (DHC) and Energy Efficient End-Use Equipment (4E).

Eva Hoos

Policy officer, Energy Efficiency Unit, DG Energy, European Commission

Eva works at DG ENERGY on Energy Efficiency. Her policy portfolio covers supply side efficiency issues, including cogeneration, district heating and cooling, networks and generation efficiency. She has a law degree and a business degree in management. She has more than 10 years' experience in the energy sector. Before joining the European Commission she held different positions in both the public and private sector as advisor in the fields of international energy law, legal and regulatory affairs of EU energy markets and energy efficiency policy. Eva has been participating in the preparation of the Commission's Communication "Energy Efficiency Plan 2011" published in 2011. She is responsible for the Commission's proposal for a Directive on Energy Efficiency.

David Denzer-Speck

Head of Brussels Office, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, Germany

David Denzer-Speck is Head of KfW's Liaison Office to the EU. He joined KfW's research department in 2008 as economist and later senior economist, focusing on macroeconomics, financial markets/banking and SMEs. In 2011, David became Senior Policy officer in KfW's liaison office in Brussels, following mainly SME and energy policy, EU financial instruments and financial market regulation. He became head of the liaison office in 2014. David holds an degree in economics.



Hubert Pauli

Linz AG (Multi-utility company, Austria)

Hubert joined Linz Strom GmbH in 1992, where he has worked in energy optimization, technical engineering of combined heat and power plants, enhanced energy efficiency, district heating and flexible power conversion in municipal supply and disposal. Prior to that, he worked in the automation field, both at ABF Industrial Automation and in Voest Alpine AG. He studied Energy Management.



Denis Mathieu

Director, URM, Metz (Multi-utility DSO, France)

In 2010, Denis Mathieu became the Chief executive officer of URM, the DSO subsidiary of UEM (Municipality owned multi-utility of the Metz Area, France). After graduating in electrical engineering at Grenoble Institute of Technology in 1982, he joined EDF-GDF as field manager and occupied different jobs in the domains of security, gas or electricity distribution in the East of France. In 1994, he joined UEM in Metz where he led consecutively technical departments in public lighting or electricity distribution.

Creating flexibility in the energy value chain – Keeping the lights on?



Patrick Clerens

Secretary General, European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE)

Mr Clerens studied law in Germany. Since 1996, he has worked as a consultant for a private company specialising in European Affairs in Brussels. In his capacity as Brussels Representative of different European associations, he has been involved in the climate and energy field since 2003. He has managed the EASE office in Brussels as Secretary General since its foundation in September 2011. EASE believes that energy storage is an indispensable instrument to improve the stability and flexibility of the energy system with respect to European energy and climate policy. EASE aims to support the transition towards a sustainable energy system in Europe.



Jan Panek

Head of Unit, Retail markets, coal and oil, DG Energy, European Commission

Jan Panek is Head of Unit dealing with retail energy markets, coal and oil in the Directorate-General for Energy of the European Commission in Brussels. He joined the European Commission in 2005 following an earlier career in the diplomatic service of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He also spent several years in the 1990s with the Boston Consulting Group in its London and Central European offices. He holds a B.Sc. in Applied Geophysics from Charles University in Prague and an M.A. in International Economics/A.F.P. from The Johns Hopkins University – S.A.I.S. in Washington, D.C. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter holder.



Valeria Termini

Commissioner Aeegsi, Vice-President Council of European Energy Regulators

She serves as Commissioner of the Italian Regulatory Authority for Electricity Gas and Water since 2011. Member of the Board of Regulators of the European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) - and Vice-President of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER). Member of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration, CEPA (2010-2013). She led the Italian delegation for Energy and Climate Change at G8, United Nations and OECD (2007-8) and has served in Government Commissions of experts in the field of regulation, energy and climate change, governance of public utilities and of financial markets.



Bente Hagem

Chair of the Board, ENTSO-E

Bente is Executive Vice-President in Statnett SF responsible for European Affairs, and Chair of the Board of ENTSO-E. Until 2014 she was head of Commercial Division in Statnett, responsible for market design, customer satisfaction, settlement of grid services and wholesale market, and development of cable projects. She has been active in Nordic and European TSO cooperations since 2001, and was Co-Chair of the North West and South West European Market Coupling Project, when the coupling was realized. Prior to that, she was Vice-President of Statoil ASA for ten years, working with natural gas and electricity. She has been a board member of several Norwegian companies and Chairman of Nord Pool Spot AS. Bente holds a Masters in Industrial Economy.



Jan van Oorschot

Managing Director Clients & Markets, Liander (DSO, The Netherlands)

Jan van Oorschot is director Klant & Markt ('Clients & Markets') at the Dutch grid manager Liander. In that position she is responsible for all customer service. Liander distributes electricity to 2.9 million customers and gas to 2.1 million customers in an area extending to over a third of the Netherlands. Liander has a statutory duty to manage the electricity and gas grids in the provinces of Gelderland, Friesland, Flevoland, North Holland and part of South Holland. Liander is part of network company Alliander. Alliander manages regional energy networks and supplies network-related services in the field of complex energy infrastructures.



Björn Ter Bruggen

General Counsel, Elinorr (DSO, Sweden)

Björn started his career in 2005 and worked for several energy companies as a lawyer and representative in several working groups, both at national and European level. In 2010 he became senior lawyer and natural gas expert at the Swedish Energy Market Inspectorate and a member of various legislative committees within the energy area. In 2013, he started working as General Counsel at Gävle Energi AB (energy company), Gästrike Vatten AB (water supplier) and Gästrike Återvinnare (waste disposal) as a manager and responsible for legal affairs. Since 2014 he is the General Counsel of Sundsvall Elnät AB (electricity supply and broadband) and MittSverige Vatten AB (water supply). He is also member of the Swedish regulator reference group for international affairs, board member of CEDEC and board member of the municipal broadband company Mediateknik AB.

MODERATORS



Moderator: Gert De Block

CEDEC Secretary General

Gert De Block is a Belgian national and has been the Secretary General of CEDEC since 1996. After previous work experience as financial analyst and consultant on management information systems, he has been in the public energy sector at Belgian and European level since 1992. He is also the Secretary General of Inter-Regies, the Belgian federation for the public energy distribution (electricity and gas) and cable-TV sector.



Moderator: Sonja van Renssen

Co-Founder, Energy Post

Sonja is senior editor and Brussels-based correspondent for Energy Post. An experienced climate, energy and environment journalist, she has written for publications such as European Energy Review, Nature Climate Change, Environmental Finance, Carbon Finance, Journal de l'Environnement, ENDS Europe and European Voice. She also hosts interviews and gives media training for Internet-based TV channel viEUws.eu. Prior to freelancing, Sonja was lead climate/carbon correspondent for EU environment policy news and analysis service ENDS Europe for four years.



André Jurjus

CEDEC Vice-President, Director Netbeheer Nederland

André Jurjus is Director of Netbeheer Nederland, the Association of energy producers, traders and retailers in the Netherlands since 2010. From 2008 until 2010, he was Director of the Dutch Association for Competition in Energy (Nederlandse Vereniging voor Marktwerking in Energie). Before that, he was a manager associated with the Energy Market of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, where he worked on the liberalisation of the consumer market, the splitting of the integrated Dutch energy companies, the creation of market coupling between the markets of Northwest Europe and the regulation of network companies.