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# ***SPEAKERS***

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



**Rudi Oss**

**CEDEC President**

Rudi Oss is the Chairman of Dolomiti Energia, Trenta, Confservizi of Trentino Alto Adige and of Miscellaneous Industries Section, which includes the energy sector of Confindustria Trento. Since the mid-1990s has been active in politics as President (2002-2007) with the Trentino Tyrolean Autonomist Party. 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 on the Energy Union**

Maros Sefcovic is Vice-President of the European Commission, in charge of the 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.



**Peter van Kemseke**

**Member of Cabinet, Commission Vice-President of 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 used to be 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**

***Consumer choice in competitive energy marketse: 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 for Global Commons and Climate Change, Adviser to IPCC**

**Isaac Valero (tbc)**

Member of Cabinet, European Commissioner for Climate and Energy



**Gerhard Holtmeier**

CEO, Thüga (Multi-utility service 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 a 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, Klimaatzaak & Al Gore Climate Ambassador

**Wolfgang Weber**

Vice-President EU Government Relations, BASF Group

**Laurence Monnoyer-Smith (tbc)**

Commissioner-General, Ministry of Sustainable Development, France

## ***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.

**Jude Kirton-Darling (tbc)**

**Member of the European Parliament**



**Giovanni Valotti**

**President, Utilitalia & A2A (Multi-utility, Milan)**

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 van Brabant**

**CEO, Infrax (DSO, Belgium)**

Frank studied Commercial Engineering and Management information systems. He started his career at Philips Matsushita in Tessenderlo and then also worked several years as a manager at various companies. In 1999 he started working for Infrax in the department of purchase and logistics. In 2007, Frank became Director of Customer Service and Operations and launched an ambitious plan to increase customer satisfaction while improving efficiency. This achievement, among other things, allowed him to become CEO of Infrax in 2014.

**Inete Ielite**

**Member of the Sustainable Energy Action Plan Board, Riga**



**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**

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).



**Marie Donnelly**

**Director, DG Energy, European Commission**

Marie Donnelly currently works with the European Commission in the Directorate General for Energy as Director for new and renewable sources of energy, energy efficiency and innovation, being responsible for the development of the policy and actions on energy efficiency, including the implementation of legislative requirements for buildings, eco-design and labelling. Previously, she worked in the Employment and Social Affairs Directorate General and in the Directorate General for Enterprise in the area of Industrial policy in Pharmaceuticals - Human and veterinary medicinal products. Prior to joining the Commission, Ms. Donnelly worked as Industry Group Director with the Federation of Irish Chemical Industries in Dublin, Ireland.

**Michael Sterner (tbc)**

**Professor, Research Center for Energy Networks and Energy Storage,  
University of Regensburg**



**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)**

***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 at the University of Saarbrücken and the University of Mainz. 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.

The importance of energy storage for the European industry is well demonstrated: EASE has grown from the initial 13 founding members in September 2011 to the current 40.



### **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. He also spent several years in the 1990s with the Boston Consulting Group. 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) charterholder.



### **Valeria Termini**

**Co-Chair, DSO Taskforce, Council of the 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)**





**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), Gästrikre Vatten AB (water supplier) and Gästrikre 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 Rensen**

**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**

**Director Netbeheer Nederland & CEDEC Vice-President**

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.