

Energy Transition by 2050: A multifaceted Challenge for Europe

Expert Seminar

March 28th 2012, 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Berlin Partners Brussels, Square Ambiorix 13, 1000 Brussels

Programme

9.00 - 9.30

Welcome

Amb. Marc TRENTESEAU, Director General, Egmont Institute and Ralf Utz, CEO, D Group

Key note address

Mechthild WOERSDOERFER, Head of Energy Policy Unit, European Commission, Directorate-General for Energy

9.30 – 11.00

Session 1: Energy transition by 2050 – What's in a name: renewable and/or low carbon energy sources? Are renewable and nuclear energies compatible?

Speakers:

Richard IVENS, Director for Institutional Affairs, FORATOM

Holger GASSNER, Head of Markets and Political Affairs / CR, RWE Innogy GmbH

Dries ACKE, Policy Manager, Energy Strategy Centre, European Climate Foundation

Discussant: Stefano CASERTANO, Senior Research Fellow, Brandenburg Institute for Society and Security

Moderator: Sami ANDOURA, Senior Research Fellow, Notre Europe

11.00 - 11.15

Coffee break

11.15 - 12.45

Session 2: What are the core elements of an EU strategy for developing clean energy technologies? Can the EU compete worldwide in developing the required technologies?

Speakers:

Michael TAYLOR, Analyst on RE Cost Status and Outlook, IRENA Innovation and Technology Center

Maria-João DUARTE, Policy Officer, European Power Plant Suppliers Association

Discussant: Norela CONSTANTINESCU, DG ENERGY, Energy Technologies and Research Coordination Unit, European Commission

Moderator: Christian EGENHOFER, Senior Fellow, CEPS

12.45 - 1.30

Lunch

1.30 - 3.00

Session 3: What future for fossil fuel resources? Will natural gas and coal be major sources for the energy transition or will their role be limited to back-up supply?

Speakers:

Dr. Markus MENGES, Head of Business Development WINGAS GmbH & Co. KG

Brian RICKETTS, Secretary General, EURACOAL

Nikolaas BAECKELMANS, Director, EU Affairs, ExxonMobil

Discussant: Dr Susanne NIES, Head of Energy Policy & Generation Unit, EURELECTRIC

Moderator: Michael STOPPARD, Managing Director, IHS CERA

3.00 - 3.15

Conclusion

Sami ANDOURA, Senior Research Fellow, Notre Europe