

High-level conference on clean energy financing

Delivering the energy
transition for jobs, growth
and investment



Joint conference of the **European Parliament** and the **European Commission**
Hemicycle of the European Parliament – 7 November 2017, 9:30-18:30

Draft Agenda

8:30-9:30 Registration

9:30-10:15 Opening

- Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament,
- Jerry Brown, Governor of the State of California, USA,
- Jyrki Katainen, Vice President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness, European Commission,
- Werner Hoyer, President of the European Investment Bank.

10:15-10:45 **Setting the scene: making the clean energy transition happen**

The Clean Energy Package provides the regulatory framework to keep the European Union competitive as the clean energy transition is changing the global energy markets. But beyond regulation, clean energy for all Europeans will only materialise thanks to the right financing framework.

Introductory remarks:

- Miguel Arias-Cañete, Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, European Commission,
- Jerzy Buzek MEP, Chair of ITRE Committee.

Presentation of the Conference agenda: Dominique Ristori, Director-General of DG Energy, European Commission.

10:45-12:00 **Supporting the shift towards clean and efficient energy at the local level**

The major share of investments in the clean energy transition over the next decade will have to be made by local actors: households, energy cooperatives, cities etc. It will also have to combine public and private resources. The panel will review current barriers; in particular rules that make it difficult to use an innovative financial model (accounting rules, procurement, state aid, etc.) and possible tools to overcome these, such as the Smart Finance for Smart Building initiative and investment platforms.

Introductory remarks by **Maroš Šefčovič**, Vice-President for the Energy Union, European Commission.

Panellists:

- Claude Turmes MEP, Co-rapporteur for Governance proposal,
- Bendt Bendtsen MEP, Rapporteur for the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive,
- Lenka Kovačovska, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic,
- Brune Poirson, France's Secretary of State to the Minister for the Ecological and inclusive Transition
- Andrew McDowell, Vice- President, European Investment Bank,
- Marcin Krupa, Mayor of Katowice,
- Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Chairman, Instituto de Crédito Oficial,
- Cédric Van Styvendael, President of Housing Europe,
- Francesco Starace, CEO and General Manager, ENEL.

Moderator: Gerassimos Thomas, Deputy Director-General in DG ENER (European Commission) and Chairperson of the EFSI Steering Board.

12:00-12:30 Q&A

12:30-14:00 Lunch break



14:00-14:15 Keynote speech

By **Guenther Oettinger**, European Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources on the current and future role of EU financial support for the energy transition.

14:15-16:00 Investing in interconnectors

The session will reflect on the role of CEF and EFSI in supporting energy infrastructure investment with a focus on interconnections. It will focus on i) the role of a reformed ESIF, EFSI and CEF and ii) how to ensure that the new investment bring tangible results to society.

Introductory remarks by **Jyrki Katainen**, Vice President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness: a horizontal view on the enabling factors to promote investment.

Panellists:

- Adina Ioana Vălean , MEP, Chair of ENVI Committee,
- Krišjānis Kariņš, MEP (Rapporteur for market design),
- Flavio Zanonato, MEP (Rapporteur for risk-preparedness),
- Morten Helveg Petersen, MEP (Rapporteur for ACER regulation),
- Ando Leppiman, Deputy State Secretary at Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications of Estonia,
- Boris Schucht, CEO of 50Hertz,
- Ion Sterian, Director General of Transgaz (RO),
- Juan Lasala Bernad, CEO of Red Eléctrica de España,
- Marco Alverà, Chief Executive Officer of Snam,
- Luigi Ferraris, CEO Terna Energy.

Moderator: Monica Frassoni, President, European Alliance to Save Energy.

16:00-16:20 Q&A

16:20-17:50 Investing in renewables to connect Europe

A cost effective transition to a decarbonised EU calls for a cross-border and cross-sector approach to infrastructure development. Renewables represent an untapped potential for a decarbonised approach to connectivity. Member States can also achieve economies of scale through joint projects, with the support of EFSI. The panel will also discuss the benefits for Member States to engage jointly in large-scale projects and possible risks and barriers associated to this joint approach.

Introductory remarks by **Violeta Bulč**, Commissioner for Transport.

Panellists:

- José Blanco López, MEP (Rapporteur for RED),
- Massimiliano Salini MEP (Shadow rapporteur for the opinion on RED 2),
- Simona Bonafè MEP (Rapporteur for Circular Economy),
- Dana Reizniece-Ozola, Minister of finance of Latvia,
- Małgorzata Bartosik, Deputy CEO, Wind Europe,
- James Watson, CEO of Solar Power Europe,
- Laurent Schneider-Maunoury, President, Ocean Energy Europe, CEO Naval Énergies,
- Wendel Trio, Director of Climate Action Network Europe,
- Samuel Leupold, CEO Wind Power Energy, VP of Dong Energy,
- François Van Leeuw, CEO, Parkwind,
- Bridgit Hartland-Johnson, Head of Energy Storage, Siemens.

Moderator: Paweł Świeboda, Deputy Head of the European Political Strategy Centre.

17:50-18:10 Q&A

18:10-18:30 Closing remarks

- Miguel Arias-Cañete, Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, European Commission,
- Jerzy Buzek MEP, Chair of ITRE Committee,
- Sir Suma Chakrabarti, President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.