

# High-level conference on **clean energy**

Financing 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,
- 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** by Miguel Arias-Cañete, Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, European Commission.

- Jerzy Buzek MEP, Chair of ITRE Committee,
- Michael R. Bloomberg, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change (tbc).

**Moderator:** 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 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,
- 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, Chairman, Instituto de Crédito Oficial,
- Claudio Costamagna, Chairman of Cassa Depositi e Prestiti,
- Cédric Vanstyvendael, 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 (Free time)

## 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.

## 14:15-15:45 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. The session would also offer an opportunity to discuss the first recommendations of the Commission Expert group on electricity interconnection targets.

**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 Valean, MEP, Chair of ENVI Committee,
- Kariņš Krišjānis, 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.

## 15:45-16:20 Q&A

## 16:20-17:45 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

- Jose Blanco Lopez, MEP Rapporteur for RED,
- Massimiliano Salini, MEP Shadow rapporteur for the opinion on RED 2,
- Dana Reiznece-Ozola, Minister of finance of Latvia,
- Malgorzata Bartosik, Deputy CEO, Wind Europe,
- James Watson, CEO of Solar Power Europe,
- Thierry Kalanquin, President, Ocean Energy Europe, CEO Naval Énergies,
- Samuel Leupold, CEO Wind Power Energy, VP of Dong Energy,
- François Van Leeuw, CEO, Parkwind,
- Bridgit Hartland-Johnson, Head of Energy Storage, Siemens.

**Moderator:** Pawel Swieboda, Deputy Head of the European Political Strategy Centre.

## 17:45-18:15 Q&A

## 18:15-18:30 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.