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## Inter-Parliamentary Meeting on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (IPM25) Brussels, Belgium

*“A new plan for Europe’s prosperity and competitiveness:  
The Clean Industrial Deal”*

**Cross-Party Tandem-Conference for Members of Parliament**

Attendance is strictly limited to 100 participants; the “first come, first served” principle will be applied

**20 March 2025**

**European Parliament, Brussels**

**21 March 2025**

**House of Representatives of Belgium, Brussels**



**European  
Parliament**



20 March 2025, European Parliament Brussels, Room P7C050

**Thursday 20 March 2025: European Parliament, Brussels,  
Entrance and Conference Accreditation: Station Europe, Pl. du Luxembourg, 1050 Ixelles (Assistants will  
guide you through the process)  
Conference Room: P7C050 – Paul Henri Spaak Building**

**10:00 IPM25 Registration in the European Parliament (please bring ID + your Eventbrite Ticket)**

Welcome Coffee & Tea

Conference Secretariat: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

**11:00 Session 1: High Level Opening: Where is the EU on the Energy Transition?**

Chair: **Nicolas Gonzalez Casares**, President of EUFORES

- “Welcome to IPM25”
  - **Nicolas Gonzalez Casares**, MEP Spain, President of EUFORES
  - **Niels Flemming Hansen**, MEP Denmark, Vice-President of EUFORES
  - **Dario Tamburrano**, MEP Italy, Vice-President of EUFORES\*
- “Together accelerating the Energy Transition and solving the Housing Crisis”, **Dan Jorgensen**, Commissioner for Energy and Housing, European Commission\*

Discussion with MEPs and MPs

**11:45 Key-note:** “Efficiency is Competitvity”, **Bertrand Piccard**, Chairman, Solar Impulse Foundation

**12:15 Session 2: Getting Efficiency to the Ground**

Chair: **Jutta Paulus**, MEP Germany\*

- “Transposition of EU Building Legislation and EU Housing Policies”, **NN**, European Commission\*
- “How to get to big scale renovations?”, **Mirella Vitale**, Senior Vice President, Group Marketing, Communications and Public Affairs, Rockwool Group
- “Financing Renovation in the EU via the EU Renovation Fund”, **Peter Sweatman**, Chief Executive, Climate Strategy & Partners

Discussion with MEPs and MPs

**13:30 Lunch Break**

**14:30 Session 3: The Importance of Electrification**

Chair: **Nicolas Gonzalez Casares**, MEP Spain, President of EUFORES

- “The Electrification Strategy of the European Union”, **Ditte Juul-Jorgensen**, Director-General, DG Energy, European Commission
- “How the Electrification of Industrial Processes improves EU Industrial Competitvity”, **Eva Chamizo Llatas**, Director of European Affairs, Iberdrola SA
- “Electrical Heat Pumps - how Innovation drives the Heating Revolution”, **Paul Kenny**, CEO, European Heat Pump Association
- “Electric Cars and trucks and their potential for energy flexibility”, **Julia Poliscanova**, Senior Director, Vehicles & E-mobility Supply Chains, Transport & Environment

Discussion with MEPs and MPs

**15:45 Coffee Break**

**16:00 Key-note:** “Energy policy at the cross-roads of Climate Change, Competitiveness and Social Inclusion”,  
**Teresa Ribera**, Executive Vice-President for Clean, Just and Competitive Transition, European Commission

**16:45 Session 4: Supporting Elements for the Energy Transition and the Modernisation of Europe**

Chair: **Hildegard Bentele**, MEP Germany\*

- “Overview on the core Funding Tools of the European Union: Fuel for the Energy Transition”,  
**Yolanda Garcia Mezquita**, Head of Unit Relations with the EU Member States, European Commission\*
- “Narratives for the Competitiveness of Industry”, **Christiane Egger**, Deputy Director, ESV
- “Raw Materials – The Basis for the Energy Transition and the Competitiveness of Europe’s Industry”, **James Watson**, CEO, Eurometaux

Discussion with MEPs and MPs

**17:25 Closing Remarks, Nicolas Gonzalez Casares, MEP, President of EUFORES**

**17:30 End of Conference in the European Parliament**

**Private Break or walk to Gala Dinner**

**Break**

**18:30 – 22:00 Gala Dinner – Hosted by WindEurope**

**Concert Noble, Rue d’Arlon 82, 1040 Brussels**

- **18:30 Welcome drinks**
- **19:30 Seated Dinner**
  - “Welcome & The Importance of Wind for the Future of EU Energy and Industrial Policy”,  
**Giles Dickson**, CEO, WindEurope
  - “Welcome”, **Nicolás González Casares**, MEP, President of EUFORES
- **22:00 End of Gala Dinner**

\* to be confirmed

*Sessions 1, 2, 3 & 4 are organised in the framework of the Energy-Efficiency-Watch 5 project*

21 March 2025, House of Representatives of Belgium, Brussels

**Friday 21 March 2025: House of Representatives of Belgium**  
**Entrance and Accreditation: Rue de Louvain 13, 1000 Brussels**  
**Conference Room: Plenary of the House of Representatives of Belgium**

**09:00 IPM25 Registration in the House of Representatives of Belgium (please bring ID + your Eventbrite Ticket)**

Welcome Coffee & Tea

Conference Secretariat: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

**09:30 Session 5 – High Level Opening**

Chair: **Nicolas Gonzalez Casares**, President of EUFORES

- “Welcome to the House of Representatives of Belgium”  
**Wouter Vermeersch**, Vice-President of the House of Representatives of Belgium\*
- “Successes and Challenges for the Roll-out of the EU Green Deal to the national level”, **Mathieu Bihet**, Minister for Energy, Belgium\*
- “Prospects for Belgium”, **Jeroen Soete**, Chair of the Committee on Energy, Environment and Climate, House of Representatives of Belgium\*
- “Getting Closer: The Key Role of National Parliaments for the energy transition and modernization of Europe’s industries”, **Yolanda Garcia Mezquita**, Head of Unit Relations with the EU Member States, European Commission

**10:15 Key-note: “Solar Energy today - big, fast and affordable worldwide and in Europe”, **Walburga Hemetsberger**, CEO, SolarPower Europe**

**10:30 Session 6: Speeding up the Deployment of Renewables in Electricity**

Chair: **Jutta Paulus**, MEP Germany

- “Implementation and Enforcement of the Renewable Energy Directive and the EU Grids Action Plan”, **Lukasz Kolinski**, Director, Green Transition and Energy System Integration, DG Energy, European Commission
- “The importance of speeding up authorisations of renewables projects”, **Giles Dickson**, CEO, WindEurope
- “The View of NGOs on the Energy Transition”, **Seda Orhan**, Renewable Energy Programme Manager, CAN Europe

Discussion with MEPs and MPs

**11:30 Coffee Break**

## 12:00 Session 7: Parallel Regional Break-out Sessions

- **Breakout Session A – Main Conference Room: “The North Seas: The Powerhouse of Europe: How to better coordinate Wind Offshore, Green Hydrogen and the necessary Infrastructures”**
  - Chair: **Tinne van der Straeten**, MP Belgium\*
  - Co-Chair: **Melanie Onn**, MP UK\*
  - Experts input:
    - “The economic benefits of a closer EU-UK cooperation in the North Seas” **Matt Hinde**, Head of EU Affairs, National Grid\*
    - “The Grid Companies View on the Future of North Seas Infrastructure”, **Vera Brenzel**, Director Public Affairs and Communication, TenneT\*
  - Parliamentary Neighbour Contribution: MP UK & MP Norway
- **Breakout Session B – Room 1: “The Baltics: Renewables and security in the Baltic region in the age of the Russian hybrid war”**
  - Chair: **Borys Budka**, MEP Poland\*
  - Co-Chair: **Virginijus Sinkevicius**, MEP Lithuania, or MP Estonia/Sweden/Finland\*
  - Experts input:
    - “Introduction”, **Anca Cimpeanu**, Deputy Head of Unit, the infrastructure unit in ENER\* synchronisation project of common interest at European Commission\*
    - “Perspective of an offshore wind investor”, **Rene Tammist**, Member of the Board, Utilitas Wind
- **Breakout Session C – Room 2: “South-East Europe: Solving the volatile electricity price crises”**
  - Chair: **Virgil-Daniel Popescu**, MEP Romania\*
  - Co-Chair: **Cristina Pruna**, MP Romania\*
  - Experts input:
    - “The situation of the energy system in Ukraine”, **Inna Sovsun**, MP, Ukraine – online speech
    - “The South-East Europe power system has all the tools to solve the actual crises”, **Julian Popov**, Senior Fellow, Strategic Perspectives
    - “Integrating Ukraine and Moldova into the South-East Europe power grid”, **Susanne Nies**, Project Lead, Helmholtz Center Berlin – online speech
  - Parliamentary Neighbour Contribution: MP Balkans & Ukraine
- **Breakout Session D – Room 3: “Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic: Build-Out of PV, Onshore and Offshore/ Floating Wind – the need for speeding up grid and infrastructure development”**
  - Chair: **Annalisa Corrado**, MEP Italy
  - Co-Chair: MP Spain/ Portugal
  - Experts input:
    - “How to faster deploy solar and grid in Southern Europe?”, **NN**, \*
    - “Speeding up onshore and offshore wind, and the repowering of onshore wind.”, **Raquel Mendes**, Head of European Affairs, EDP

## 13:30 Lunch Break

## 14:30 Session 8: The Internal Electricity Market and Grids: Challenges for the Years Ahead

Chair: **Bruno Tobback**, MEP Belgium\*

- “How to foster faster market integration and more flexibility in the EU power market”, **Christian Zinglensen**, Director, ACER, European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators
- “Linking RES build-out to industry electrification”, **Rasmus Errboe**, Group President & CEO, Orsted\*
- “Secure grids through a coordinated cyber-protection and reliable long-term financing”, **Sonya Twohig**, Secretary General, ENTSO-E
- “Flexible demand and batteries: the advantages of a decentralised and digitised electricity system”, **Michael Villa**, Executive Director, SmartEn

Discussion with MEPs and MPs

**16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:30 Session 9: Geothermal Energy – a new rise thanks to new drilling technologies**

Chair: **Sigrid Friis**, MEP Denmark\*

- “IEA study on the potential of Geothermal Energy for the Energy Transition”, **Paolo Frankl**, Head of the Renewable Energy Division, International Energy Agency
- “European Commission Strategy on Geothermal Energy”, **NN**, European Commission\*
- “The Geothermal Projects of the City of Munich”, **Florian Bieberbach**, CEO, Stadtwerke München (Regional Energy Supplier Munich)\*
- “Heating and Cooling by Geothermal: An example from Slovakia”, **NN**, Supplier\*

Discussion with MEPs and MPs

**18:00 Closing Remarks, Nicolas Gonzalez Casares, MEP, President of EUFORES**

**18:30 End of Conference in the House of Representatives of Belgium**

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