

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



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: “Welcome to IPM25”, **Nicolas Gonzalez Casares**, President of EUFORES
- “Welcome to the European Parliament”, **Roberta Metsola**, President of the European Parliament*
- “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 Competitiveness”, Bertrand Piccard, Chairman, Solar Impulse Foundation

12:15 Session 2: Getting Efficiency to the Ground

Chair: **Niels Flemming Hansen**, MEP Denmark, Vice-President of EUFORES

- “Transposition of EU Building Legislation and EU Housing Policies”, **Stefan Moser**, Head of Unit Buildings and Products, European Commission*
- “How to get to big scale renovations?”, **Brook Riley**, Head of EU 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: **Dario Tamburrano**, MEP Italy*

- “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 Competitiveness”, **Eva Chamizo Llatas**, General Secretary and Member of the Board, European Affairs, Iberdrola*
- “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”, **NN**, 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

18:30/19:30 – 22:00 Gala Dinner – Hosted by WindEurope

Concert Noble, Rue d’Arlon 82, 1040 Brussels

- **Welcome drink**
- “The Importance of Wind for the Future of EU Energy and Industrial Policy”, **Giles Dickson, CEO, WindEurope**
- **Seated Dinner**

* to be confirmed

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)

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09:30 Session 5 – High Level Opening

- “Welcome to the House of Representatives of Belgium”
Peter De Roover, President of the House of Representatives of Belgium*
- “Welcome to IPM25 – The National Outreach”, **Nicolas Gonzalez Casares**, President of EUFORES
- “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”, **Oskar Seuntjens**, 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*

10:00 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: **Bruno Tobback**, MEP Belgium*
 - Co-Chair: **Melanie Onn**, MP UK*
 - Experts input:
 - “The economic benefits of a closer EU-UK cooperation in the North Seas” **Philippe Offenberg**, Director Europe, Breakthrough Energy*
 - “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”, **Katarina Sikow**, European Coordinator for the Baltic 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: **Christina Pruna**, MP Romania*
 - Experts input:
 - “The situation of the energy system in Ukraine”, **Inna Sovsun**, MP, Ukraine*
 - “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
 - 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 Zinglersen**, Director, ACER, European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators
- “Linking RES build-out to industry electrification”, **Mads Nipper**, Group President & CEO, Orsted*
- “Secure grids through a coordinated cyber-protection and reliable long-term financing”, **Sonya Twohig**, Secretary General, ENTSO-E*
- “Batteries and other Flexibility Options”, **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/ Martin Hojsik**, MEP*

- “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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