

PROGRAMME

MAKING EUROPE'S ENERGY TRANSITION A REALITY WITH THE HELP OF SMART TECHNOLOGIES

19th of February 2020

European Parliament Members' Salon



Introductory remarks - 18.30

Ms Maria Carvalho MEP (EPP/PT)

Co-host and ITRE EPP Vice-Coordinator

Ms Claudia Gamon MEP (Renew/AT)

Co-host and Rapporteur of the European Parliament
energy storage own-initiative Report

Mr Dieter Brunner ESMIG President

President of the Board of Directors at Iskraemeco

Keynote Speeches and Dinner - 19.15

Mr Thor-Sten Vertmann

Cabinet Member of Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson

Mr Zeljko Krevzelj

Counsellor for Energy, Croatian Presidency of the EU

Mr Mark Van Stiphout

Deputy Head of Unit, New Energy Policies, Innovation and Clean Coal,
DG ENER, European Commission

Opening of the Discussion - 20.00

Concluding Remarks - 21.00

Mr Ville Niinistö MEP (Greens/FI)

Co-host and ITRE Greens/EFA Coordinator

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About the event

The question of climate and the necessity to implement a highly needed energy transition has gained further momentum in the European and international global agenda. In addition, the new President of the European Commission, Ms Ursula Von der Leyen, pledged to make a “European Green Deal to become Europe’s hallmark” and appointed Mr Frans Timmermans as Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal, as well as Climate Action Commissioner.

Within this context, the “importance of integrated, holistic and balanced non-market approaches”, as outlined in the Paris Agreement, has emerged as a crucial question of the energy transition process and has dotted the bottom lines for an energy-generation based on demand, rather than on market developments, as well as for a regulatory framework that encourages the trend towards a digitalised, decentralised, consumer focused energy system.

In fact, this approach concentrates the attention more and more on the implementation of the existing regulatory framework and emphasises the importance of the end-users, who should be able to become both producers and consumers, namely “prosumers”, and be incentivised to take a more active part in the energy transition due to the easy management of their own data.

As a result, the European Smart Energy Solution Providers (ESMIG) has pledged to enable the consumer to proactively engage in the European energy transition by using their data to manage their consumption, produce and store their own energy according to their demands, and potentially trade with other consumers or energy providers.

To make this new energy market a reality, a clear regulatory framework and a resolute policy implementation are necessary in order to create the right market conditions and to place the consumer at the heart of the energy system.

The guarantee of the security of data provided by the consumers and how to ensure their privacy are also matters of concern as the decentralised energy distribution systems may give more opportunity for cyber attacks, if they are not carefully designed and equipped to prevent them.



The event will bring together a cross-national and cross-party group of MEPs, Policy Advisors and Professionals interested in the energy transition towards a digitalised, decentralised, consumer focused energy system integrating renewables, as well as in the implementation of the Clean Energy for all Europeans Package.

The event will commence with a **welcome drink** followed by the **introductory** and **keynote speeches** at **18.30** pm, and a **discussion** at **20.00** pm.

During the dinner there will be the opportunity for questions and answers.

We look forward to seeing you at **18.30** pm on the **19th of February 2020** at the **European Parliament Members’ Salon**, ASP O G salon, Brussels.