EUFORES 18th Inter-Parliamentary Meeting on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

“The Clean Energy Package – What is in for Renewables and Energy Efficiency?”

19 & 20 October 2018, Palais Auersperg, Vienna

Thursday 18 October 2018

20:00 – 22:00 Welcome reception
Loft Bar, Hotel Sofitel Vienna Stephansdom, Praterstrasse 1, 1020 Wien, 18th Floor

Friday 19 October 2018: Palais Auersperg, Auerspergstraße 1, 1080 Wien (200m from Austrian Parliament)

08:00 IPM18 Registration in Palais Auersperg (please bring ID)
Conference Chair: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES
Tea and Coffee

09:00 High level opening
Chair: Jeppe Kofod, MEP DK, President EUFORES

- “Welcome to the EUFORES 18th Inter-Parliamentary Meeting”, Jeppe Kofod, MEP DK, President of EUFORES
- "Welcome on behalf of the Austrian EU Council Presidency", Josef Plank, Secretary General, Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria
- "Decentralised energy for reinvigorated economies", Peter Marland, Mayor of Milton Keynes (UK) and Vice-President of Energy Cities

Discussion with MEPs and MPs

10:15 Coffee Break

10:45 Session 1: Renewables in electricity
Chair: Theresa Griffin, MEP UK, Vice-President of EUFORES

- "The Clean Energy Package – What’s in for Renewables in Electricity?", Michaela Holl, Policy Analyst, Renewables and CCS policies, DG Energy, European Commission
- "The promise of the Clean Energy Package for the renewables electricity sector", Giles Dickson, CEO, WindEurope
- "Citizens at the core of the energy transition", Aurélie Beauvais, Policy Director, SolarPower Europe
- "Sustainable underground storage solutions - partner for renewable electricity", Urban Keussen, CTO, EWE
- "Weighted Average Cost of Capital - a game changer", Robert Brückmann, Head of the Policy Department, eclareon, Partner of the Renewables Networking Platform
- “100% Renewables: Climate Protection as Business Case in Rail”, Silvia Angelo, Member of the Board, Department of Finance, Markets and Services, ÖBB Infrastruktur AG

Discussion with MEPs and MPs

12:30 Lunch Break
13:30 Session 2 – Panel Debate: Renewables in Electricity – The Importance of Regional Cooperation in Central and South-East Europe
Moderation: Christiane Brunner, Energy Expert
- Zhecho Stankov, Deputy Minister of Energy, Bulgarian Ministry of Energy
- Karol Galek, MP Slovak Republic
- Matthias Buck, Head of European Energy Policy, Agora Energiewende
- Janez Kopač, Director, Energy Community

Discussion with MEPs and MPs

14:30 Coffee Break

15:00 Session 3: Renewables in Heating and Cooling
Chair: Davor Skrlec, MEP Croatia
- "Renewables in Heating & Cooling – a success story from Upper-Austria", Gerhard Dell, Energy Commissioner of Upper Austria, Managing Director, Upper-Austria Energy Agency
- "Bioenergy - The big small business in Austria", Christoph Pfemeter, Director, Austrian Biomass Association
- "RES-H&C: A complex universe", Nigel Cotton, Director of Building Construction & Technology, European Copper Institute
- "RES-H&C potentials and breakthrough requirements", Lukas Kranzl, Senior researcher at the Energy Economics Group, Vienna University of Technology

Discussion with MEPs and MPs

16:30 End of Conference

19:00 Gala Dinner
Piaristenkeller, Piaristengasse 45, 1080 Wien
- Welcome Drink in the Wine Cellar of the Emperor Franz Joseph Hat museum and the Imperial and Royal Wine Treasure Vault
- Welcome speech by Karl Gruber, CTO Wien Energie, Gala Dinner Sponsor
- Dinner in the Coat of Arms Hall
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Paul Hodson, Head of Unit Energy Efficiency, DG Energy, European Commission
Discussion with MEPs and MPs

10:00 Session 5: Renewables in Heating and Cooling
Chair: Eamon Ryan, MP Ireland
  - “RES-H+C and efficiency in buildings – Vast potential for synergies and technological progress”, Oliver Rapf, Executive Director, BPIE (prosumers, smart homes, system integration, storage)
  - “Solar Heating in Austria”, Roger Hackstock, Managing Director, Austria Solar
  - “Renewables in District Heating and Cooling Systems”, Ingo Wagner, Policy Manager DHC+
Discussion with MEPs and MPs

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Session 6: Panel Debate - Energy Efficiency and the Clean Energy Package
Chair: Theresa Griffin, MEP UK, Vice-President EUFORES
Debate:
  - Cristina-Mădălina Prună, MP Romania
  - Eamon Ryan, MP Ireland
  - Delian Dobrev, MP Bulgaria
  - Adrian Joyce, Secretary General, EuroACE
  - Nils Borg, Director, eceee

12:45 Concluding remarks, Jeppe Kofod, MEP DK, President EUFORES

13:00 Lunch and end of Sessions

Private Break

15:00 Guided Walking Tour through Vienna (subject to weather conditions)
Starting Point: Heldenplatz, Entrance to the Conference Centre (where the flags are hanging)

17:00 Guided Historic Tram Ride through Vienna to the final conference dinner location in Grinzing
Tram Boarding Point: Schwedenplatz, tram stop “Vienna Ring Tram – direction Urania”. Boarding sharp at 16:50. Tram will leave sharp at 17:00. So don’t be late please.

18:30 Dinner in typical Viennese Restaurant (Heurigen) “Zum Martin Sepp”, Grinzing

21:30 Bus Transfer Back to Vienna City Centre (drop off at City Hall Vienna around 22:00)

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