WORKSHOP

The European Green Deal and the National Energy and Climate Plan in Belgium

Organized in cooperation with the Belgian House of Representatives

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9h00 – 13h45 BRUSSELS TIME

House of Representatives – Erasme Room
Rue de Louvain 48 – 1000 Bruxelles

Working languages: English, French and Dutch with simultaneous interpretation provided

OPENING SESSION – 9H00 – 9H30

- 9h00 – 9h010 Opening words
  Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

- 9h10 – 9h20 Welcoming speech
  Séverine de Laveleye, Member and Vice-president of the House of Representatives, Vice-president of the Energy, Environment and Climate Committee

- 9h20 – 9h30 The Belgian Climate claims and urgent need for Climate Justice
  Rebecca Thissen, Researcher in Climate Justice and sustainable development, CNCD
Setting the ambition for renewable energy and energy efficiency in Belgium

The session will present the current situation for renewable energy and energy efficiency in Belgium, and how they will be addressed via the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP), considering the European Green Deal and Recovery Plan. The session intends to set the picture of the present and discuss the development of policies for the renewable energy and energy efficiency system of the future for Belgium.

Input speeches

• 9h30 – 9h40  The role of renewable energy and energy efficiency for the Belgian green energy transition
  Ciaran Cuffe, Member of European Parliament, Group of the Greens, President of EUFORES

• 9h40 – 9h50  The urgent need to design an efficient energy policy in Belgium
  Dirk Van Evercooren, Director, Sustainable Energy Organisation -ODE

• 9h50 – 10h00  The challenges within the European energy union for the integration and development of a sustainable energy system: A special focus on the upcoming challenges for Belgium
  Eric Lecomte, Policy Officer, DG ENER, European Commission

10h00 – 10h15 Questions and Answers

10h15 – 10h30 Break
EU energy efficiency policy implementation in Belgium

This session discusses success stories on implementing energy efficiency policies in Belgium and good practices for boosting investments. Held as part of the Energy-Efficiency-Watch 4 project, the session aims at exploring the conditions and argumentative drivers for effective policies.

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- **10h30 – 10h40** Targeting homeowners to make Brussels homes energy efficient
  Julien Simon, Building renovation, energy market and renewable energy Advisor, Cabinet of Minister Mr. Alain Maron,

- **10h40 - 10h50** European funds for strategic housing renovation plans of Flanders and Wallonia
  Roel Vermeiren, Project Coordinator, Flemish Energy and Climate Agency – VEKA

- **10h50 - 11h00** Belgian energy efficiency trends and policies by sector
  Niels Smeets, EU Policy Coordinator Energy, Federal Public Service of Economy

11h00 – 11h15 Questions and Answers
Enabling factors and barriers for implementing energy efficiency in Belgium

The Energy-Efficiency-Watch 4 project tries to create a better understanding of the national debate and motivation on efficiency policies and good practices. This session focuses on the influential narratives in Belgium. Preliminary feedback received from business stakeholders in the project will part of the discussion.

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- **11h15-11h25** Successful narratives in the Belgian context for effective policy implementation  
  Daniel Becker, Director, Guidehouse

- **11h25-11h50** Expert Panel  
  Moderator: Daniel Becker, Director, Guidehouse

- Tristan Roberti, Member of the French-speaking Brussels Parliament  
- Maarten Messagie, Managing Director, Electric Vehicle and Energy Research Group - EVERGi  
- Adrian Joyce, Director, European Alliance of Companies for Energy Efficiency in Buildings – EuroACE  
- Quentin Galland, Public and Regulatory Affairs Director, Knauf Insulation

**11h50 - 12h00 Questions and Answers**

12h00 – 12h30 Lunch Break

Sessions 1, 2 and 3 are organized in the framework of the Energy Efficiency Watch 4 project. Energy-Efficiency-Watch 4 (EEW4) is a HORIZON 2020 project, coordination, and support action, aiming at supporting policy makers in EU MS in improving the degree of a successful implementation of policy instruments for energy efficiency, and thus contributing to reaching the target of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED).
Open discussion: Towards a new and sustainable Belgian energy system
This session intends to discuss the economic and financial opportunities for renewable energy sources in Belgium. It highlights the trends of the new energy system, innovative initiatives and new business models from different sectors facing the challenges of the traditional energy system and shaping the future Belgian energy system.

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| 12h30 – 12h40 | The Belgian economic perspective and challenges to achieving a climate neutral energy system  
**Bert Van Loon**, Policy advisor Climate & Energy, Cabinet of Minister of Energy Ms. Tinne Van der Straeten |
| 12h40 – 13h30 | Expert Panel  
Moderator: **Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES |
| 13h30 – 13h40 | Questions and Answers |
| 13h40 – 13h45 | Closing Remarks  
**Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES |

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