



WORKSHOP

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

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9H00 – 13H45 BRUSSELS TIME

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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

SESSION 1– 9H30-10H30

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

SESSION 2 – 10H30 – 11H15

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

SESSION 3 – ENERGY EFFICIENCY - 11H15 – 12H30

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).

SESSION 4 – RENEWABLE ENERGY – 12H30 – 13H45

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
- **Malgosia Bartosik**, Deputy-CEO, WindEurope
- **Dries Acke**, Director, SolarPower Europe
- **Eric Morami**, Conseiller Energie, EDORA
- **Philippe Awouters**, The European Federation of Citizen Energy Cooperatives – REScoop.BE

13h30 – 13h40 Questions and Answers

- **13h40 – 13h45** **Closing Remarks**
Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

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