

Conference Programme

# 15<sup>th</sup> Inter-Parliamentary Meeting on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 13 & 14 MARCH 2015



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# Programme

## THURSDAY 12 March

20:00 - **Welcome reception**

22:00 **Palais Ferstel, Arkadenhof, Ferstel Passage, Freyung 2, 1010 Vienna**

## FRIDAY 13 March

### Session in the Parliament of Austria<sup>1</sup>

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8:30 **Registration and welcome coffee > Parliament of the Republic of Austria, Dr. Karl Renner-Ring 3, 1017 Vienna - main entrance, bring ID**  
Conference chair: **Jan Geiss**, Secretary General of EUFORES

#### WELCOME

9:30 **Welcome**  
**Christiane Brunner**, Chair Environment Committee, MP Austria

9:45 **Welcome**  
**Claude Turmes**, MEP, President of EUFORES

#### SESSION 1: "Renewables and energy efficiency - game changers in the 2015 international UN climate and UN development negotiations"

Session Chair: **Christiane Brunner**, MP Austria

10:00 **Climate negotiations, renewables and energy efficiency**  
**Christiana Figueres**, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change\*

10:20 **SE4ALL - Sustainable energy for all**  
**Gill Tudor**, Chief of Communication, SE4ALL, United Nations

10:40 **Renewables - a global solution to climate change**  
**Adnan Amin**, Director General, IRENA - International Renewable Energy Agency

11:00 **Energy efficiency - a global solution to climate change**  
**Sylvie Lemmet**, Director for European and international Affairs, Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable development and Energy\*

11:20 **"Renewables and efficiency at the center of future global energy systems - an NGO perspective"**  
**Sven Teske**, Greenpeace International

11:40 **Questions to speakers from MEPs, MPs and Ambassadors**

<sup>1</sup> This session is organised in the framework of the IEE funded projects "Energy-Efficiency-Watch 3" [www.energy-efficiency-watch.org](http://www.energy-efficiency-watch.org) and "Keep-on-track!" <http://www.keepontrack.eu/>

12:30 **Thematic walking lunch**

- **Table 1: “Looking beyond EU borders: The Global status of renewables”**

**Christine Lins**, REN21

- **Table 2: “Energy Efficiency: The cheapest fuel as a global solution”**

**Sylvie Lemmet**, Director for European and international Affairs, Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable development and Energy\*

- **Table 3: “Climate and Energy Fund: From the global perspective to regional and local projects”**

**Christoph Wolfsegger**, Climate and Energy Fund of the Austrian Government

- **Table 4: “Renewables and efficiency at the center of future global energy systems - an NGO perspective”**

**Sven Teske**, Greenpeace International

- **Table 5: “Efficiency and renewables as key development strategies - an NGO perspective”**, **Gunnar Boye Olesen**, INFORSE

- **Table 6: “Energy Strategy 2050 - the Swiss way”**

**Ulrich Nyffenegger**, Office of Environmental Coordination and Energy, Bern, Switzerland

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13:45 *Guided tour through the Parliament of Austria*

**SESSION 2: “The new EU energy union: business-as-usual or Europe entering fully the 21st century?”**

**Session Chair: Jeppe Kofod, MEP, Denmark**

14:30 **EU Member States join forces in the Energy Union**

**Christian Schönbauer**, Director General, Head of Department Energy and Mining, Ministry of Science, Research and Economy, Austria

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14:50 **Cornerstones of the new EU Energy Union**

**Maros Sefcovic**, Vice-President for Energy Union, European Commission

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15:10 **The Energy Union in the hands of the cities and mayors**

**Claude Turmes**, MEP, President of EUFORES

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15:30 **Panel debate: “The new Energy Union”**

**Moderator: Sonja van Renssen, Journalist**

- **Christian Schönbauer**, Director General, Head of Department Energy and Mining, Ministry of Science, Research and Economy, Austria

- **Maros Sefcovic**, Vice-President for Energy Union, European Commission

- **Claire Roumet**, Secretary General, Energy Cities

- **Claude Turmes**, MEP, President of EUFORES

Discussion with MEPs, MPs and Ambassadors

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16:30 *Coffee break*

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16:45 **The new Energy Union - Centre pieces of the puzzle**  
**World Café tables**

**Table 1: Europe - No1 in Renewables**

Chair: **Martina Werner**, MEP Germany

Expert: **Katrin Dünig**, Enercon

**Table 2: Energy Efficiency - Make it a business case**

Chair: **Morten Helveg Petersen**, MEP Denmark\*

Expert: **Harry Verhaar**, Philips

**Table 3: EU not on track to 2020 - what it takes to be successful**

Chair: **N.N.**, MEP

Expert: **Gustav Resch**, Energy Economics Group, Technical University Vienna

**Table 4: Renewables as the backbone of modern society: examples from Central and Eastern Europe**

Chair: **Davor Skrlec**, MEP Croatia

Expert: **Josef Plank**, EEÖ - Austrian Renewable Energy Association

**Table 5: Bioenergy and wood pellets - Heating and cooling based on renewables**

Chair: **Paul Rübiger**, MEP Austria\*

Expert: **Christian Rakos**, ProPellets Austria/ European Pellet Council

**Table 6: The Vienna Model - Smart combination of heat and power**

Chair: **Ruperta Lichtenecker**, MP Austria

Expert: **N.N.**, CEO, Wien Energy

**Table 7: Large and small hydro**

Chair: **Peter Haubner**, MP Austria\*

Expert: **N.N.**,

**Table 8: The role of the cities**

Chair: **Henri Kox**, MP Luxemburg

Expert: **Claire Roumet**, Secretary General, Energy Cities

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18:00 *End of conference day 1*

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## Gala dinner

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20:00 **Gala dinner, Rittersaal, Rathauskeller, City Hall Vienna**

Welcome, **Claude Turmes**, MEP, President of EUFORES

Sponsor welcome, **Christian Rakos**, proPellets Austria & European Pellet Council

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23:00 *End of gala dinner*

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## SATURDAY 14 March

### Session in the Parliament of Austria<sup>2</sup>

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8:30 **Registration and welcome coffee**

Conference chair: **Jan Geiss**, Secretary General of EUFORES

**SESSION 3: “The Central and Eastern European gas and power market: After Nabucco and South Stream - the region needs a fresh start”**

Session Chair: **Othmar Karas**, MEP Austria

9:00 **Energy as an important part of the new EU neighbourhood policy**

**Johannes Hahn**, EU Commissioner for Neighbourhood Policy

9:20 **A Blue Print: elements of an ideal integration and cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe**

**Julian Popov**, ECF - European Climate Foundation

9:35 **The institutional setting today: Conditions for new markets and cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe**

**Walter Boltz**, Executive Director, Energy Control Austria

9:50 **EU Structural Funds as a driver for investment in Central and Eastern Europe**

**Gergana Miladinova**, EU Commission, DG Regional Policy\*

10:10 **Questions to speakers from MEPs, MPs and Ambassadors**

10:30 *Coffee break*

**SESSION 4: “Technology and business options”**

Parallel thematic workshops

11:00 **Workshop 1: RES electricity - market driven renewables, cost reductions and a new market design?**

Chair: **Oliver Krischer**, MP Germany

Experts:

- **James Watson**, EPIA - European Photovoltaics Industry Association
- **Marcel Bial**, ESTELA - European Solar Thermal Electricity Association
- **Thomas Becker**, EWEA - European Wind Energy Association

**Workshop 2: RES heating and cooling - a new strategy for the sleeping giant?**

Chair: **Benedek Jávor**, MEP Hungary

Experts:

- **Nicolas de la Vega**, EBA – European Biogas Association
- **Jean-Marc Jossart**, AEBIOM - European Biomass Association
- **Pedro Dias**, ESTIF - European Solar Thermal Industry Federation
- **Burkhard Sanner**, EGEC - European Geothermal Energy Council

**Workshop 3: RES in transport - bundling e-mobility with renewables?**

Chair: **Morten Helveg Petersen**, MEP Denmark\*

Experts:

- **Kerstin Meerwaldt**, Head of Energy Management Strategy, BMW Group
- **Sebastian Bachmann**, Belectric Drive\*

**Workshop 4: Energy Efficiency - The business case**

Chair: **N.N.**, MEP\*

Experts:

- **Jonna Byskata**, EuroACE & Renovate Europe
- **Daniel Becker**, Ecofys
- **Wolfgang Feist**, PassivHaus Austria
- **Stephane Arditi**, EEB - European Environmental Bureau

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12:30 *End of conference*

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12:40 *Bus transfer from Parliament Gate 3, Schmerlingplatz to Embassy of Italy, Palais Metternich*

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## Reception at the Italian Embassy, Palais Metternich

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13:00 **Welcome by the Italian Ambassador**  
**Welcome by CEO of Wien Energie**

*Buffet Lunch*

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14:00 **Presentation of energy projects, Wien Energie**

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14:45 *Bus transfer to Wien Energie Energy Plant Site, Simmering*

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15:15 **Site visit in Simmering - follow-up of presentations**

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16:30 *Bus transfer back to Museumsplatz (start of guided tour) and the Parliament of Austria (for those who have to leave)*

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## Discover Vienna

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17:00 **Guided tour through Vienna (from Museumsplatz to Schwedenplatz)**

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18:00 **Oldtimer Tram with guided city tour from Schwedenplatz to dinner location in Grinzing**

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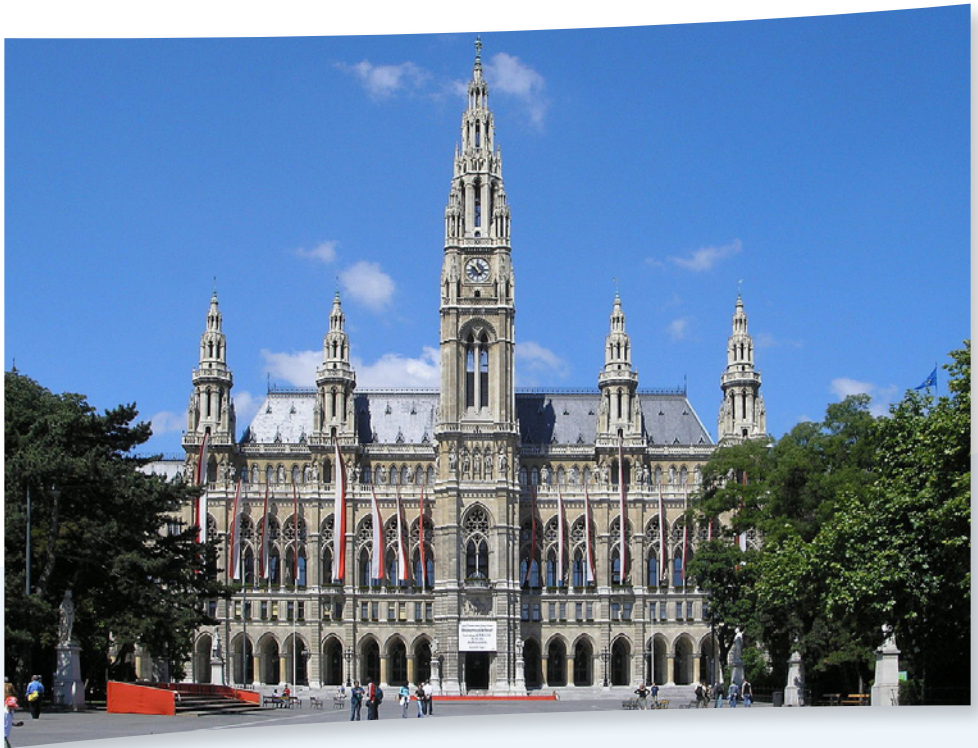
19:00 **Dinner at traditional Viennese "Heurigen" restaurant with typical Wine, Food and Music**

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21:30 *Bus transfer back to main conference hotels*

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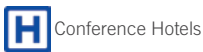
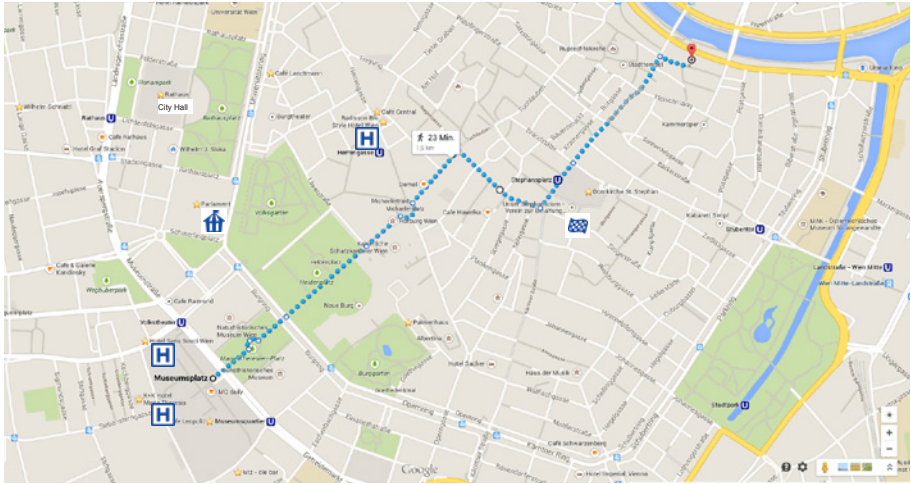
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Conference Hotels



Parliament of Austria



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