

Conference Programme

15th 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 Austria¹

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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**

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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*

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**

Reinhold Mitterlehner, Federal Minister of Science, Research and Economy, Austria*

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

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

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

Claude Turmes, MEP, President of EUFORES

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

Moderator: Sonja van Renssen, Journalist

- **Reinhold Mitterlehner**, Federal Minister of Science, Research and Economy, Austria*
- **Maros Sefcovic**, Vice-President for Energy Union, European Commission
- **Eckart Würzner**, Mayor of Heidelberg, President of Energy Cities*
- **Claude Turmes**, MEP, President of EUFORES

Discussion with MEPs, MPs and Ambassadors

16:30 *Coffee break*

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 Düning**, 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: **Sirpa Pietikainen**, MEP Finland*

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

18:00 *End of conference day 1*

Gala dinner

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

23:00 *End of gala dinner*

SATURDAY 14 March

Session in the Parliament of Austria²

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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:

- **N.N.**, BMW*
- **Sebastian Bachmann**, Belectric Drive*

Workshop 4: Energy Efficiency - The business case

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

Experts:

- **Daniel Becker**, Ecofys
- **Wolfgang Feist**, PassivHaus Austria
- **Stephane Arditi**, EEB - European Environmental Bureau

12:30 *Bus transfer to Embassy of Italy, Palais Metternich*

Reception at the Italian Embassy, Palais Metternich

13:00 **Welcome by the Italian Ambassador**

Welcome by CEO of Wien Energie

Buffet Lunch

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

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

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

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

Discover Vienna

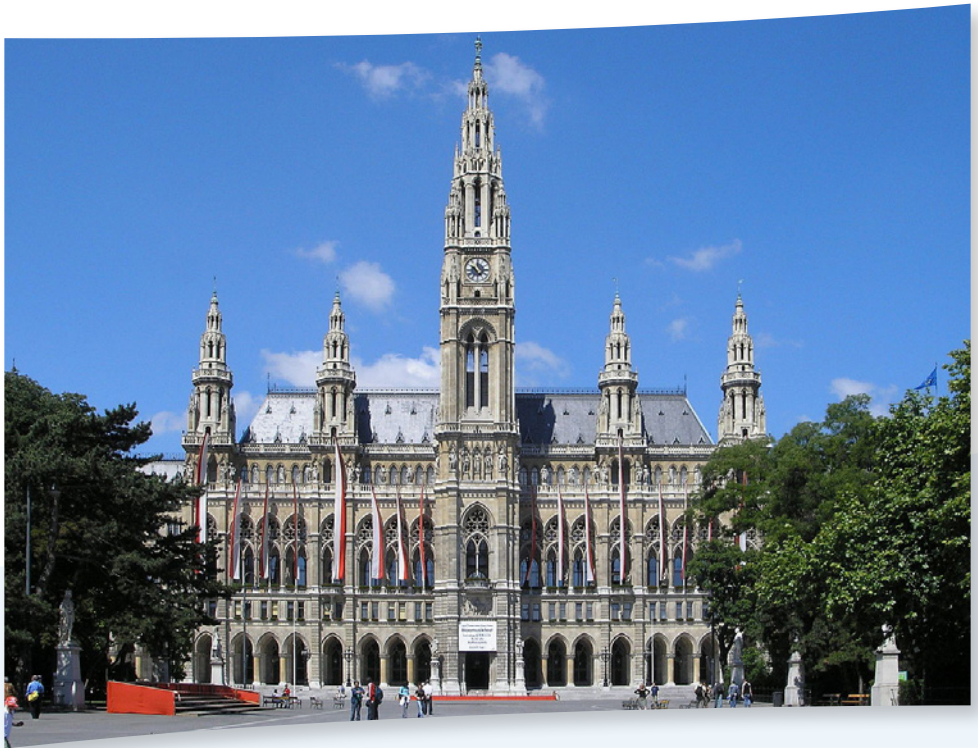
17:00 **Guided tour through Vienna (from Museumsplatz to Schwedenplatz)**

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

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

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

* to be confirmed



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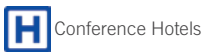
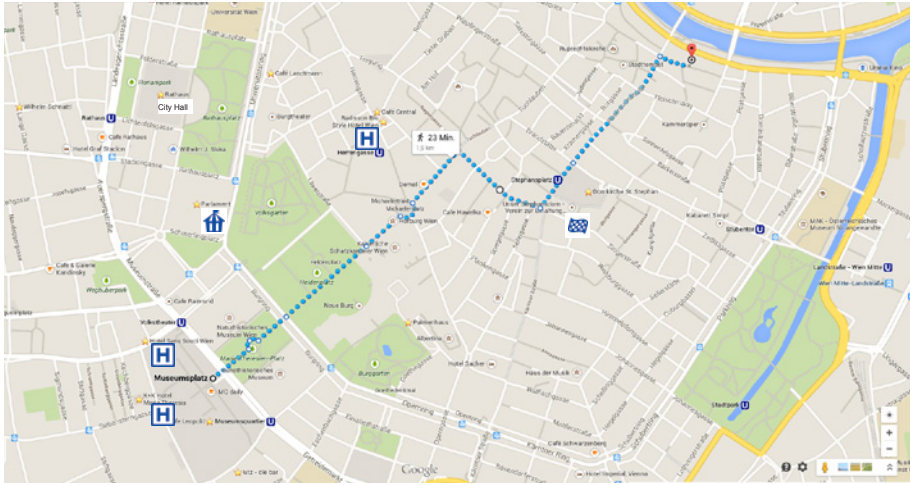


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