

ENERGY UNION, ONE YEAR ON – PUTTING THE CONSUMER AT THE CENTRE, DRIVING INNOVATION

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Building namely on a [policy proposal](#) made by the Jacques Delors Institute, the European Commission tabled its 'Energy Union Strategy' on February 25th 2015.

After its summer package, the Commission issued the first State of the Energy Union in November 2015. Its aim is now to submit in 2016 key legislative proposals in order to allow the European Parliament and Member States to reach a package deal by 2017 or 2018. An ambitious Energy Union might well re-launch the European integration process like the Single Market did in the 1980s.

Perhaps more importantly, the Energy Union aims at enabling the Member States to achieve a more cost-effective energy transition, in order to provide European citizens and businesses with sustainable, secure and competitive energy.

Taking stock of the outcome of COP21 and recent evolutions of the European energy policy, this conference aims at focusing on two critical elements for the future of the Energy Union.

The first panel will focus on the Energy Union's paradigm shift: a shift from supply to demand. By putting the consumer at the centre of the stage and applying the 'energy efficiency first principle', the Energy Union can help bringing a revolution of the energy sector that, together with the development of dynamic digital economy and health sectors, can be the pillars of the new society to come.

The second panel will address the issue of innovation as a key element to foster a profitable and social energy transition. As the European Commission aims at adopting an integrated Energy Union strategy for research, innovation and competitiveness by the end of 2016, it is paramount to identify how the EU can foster new and useful discoveries to build the energy systems of the 21st century.

08h15-08h45: Welcoming coffee

08h45-09h00: Opening address by Jerzy BUZEK, Chairman of the committee on industry, research and energy, European Parliament

09h00 – 09h30: Keynote speech by Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ, Vice-President of the European Commission

09h30 – 10h45: 1st Panel, Putting the consumer at the centre of the stage : a paradigm shift from energy supply to demand

- **Adrian HARRIS**, Director General, Orgalime
- **Peter HESSELD AHL**, Manager of the We-economy project
- **Antonio MEXIA**, CEO of EDP
- **Frauke THIES**, Executive Director, Smart Energy Demand Coalition

Moderator: Dr. **Leonardo MEEUS**, Professor at the Florence School of Regulation of the European University Institute

10h45-11h10: coffee break

11h10 – 11h30: Keynote speech by Bertrand PICCARD, Chairman and pilot of Solar Impulse

11h30 – 12h45: 2nd Panel, Innovation: fostering a profitable and social energy transition

- **Sami ANDOURA**, Team leader for Sustainable Development, European Political Strategy Centre, European Commission
- **Diego PAVIA**, CEO of KIC InnoEnergy
- **Martin PORTER**, Executive Director, Industrial Innovation for Competitiveness (i24c)

Moderator: **Tomas WYNS**, Senior Researcher at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel

12h45-13h00: Concluding Remarks

Pascal LAMY, President emeritus, Jacques Delors Institute

[Participation is free, registration mandatory](#)