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### CEDEC CONGRESS “THE FUTURE IS NOW”

The CEDEC Congress, held on 19 November 2014 at the Thon hotel, brought together 150 high level personalities from the EU energy sector : policy makers from the new European Commission and Parliament, and from regulatory bodies, and executives and top experts of local energy companies from various countries. The central theme “The Future is Now” gave rise to

interesting and lively debates. By confronting European policy priorities with national frameworks and local best practice experiences, this congress constituted an inspiring event, along with exceptional networking opportunities.

All presentations and pictures can be found here on the [CEDEC website](#)

### EUROPEAN COMMISSION IN PLACE SINCE 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2014

The new European Commission led by Jean-Claude Juncker began on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 its five-year term after approval by the European Parliament on 22 October and appointment by the European Council on 23 October.

The Slovak Commissioner Maros Sefcovic has been nominated Vice-President for Energy Union and the Spanish Miguel Arias Canete was confirmed as Climate and Energy Commissioner.

➔ [New Commission](#)

### EUROPEAN COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS: 23-24 OCTOBER 2014

The European Council met on 23 and 24 October in Brussels and discussed on the 2030 Energy and Climate Framework. The key elements of the Framework are : a binding EU target of 40% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, a binding EU target of

minimum 27% renewable energy, an indicative EU-level target of at least 27% energy efficiency improvement and the support for a 10% electricity interconnection target by 2020 and a 15% objective by 2030.

➔ [Conclusions](#)

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON PROGRESS TOWARDS THE INTERNAL ENERGY MARKET

The European Commission has adopted, on 13 October, the Communication on the progress towards the internal energy market. The Communication finds that more efforts are needed in particular with regards to investments in strategic cross-border infrastructure and smart grids;

Consumers should become more active players in the market; a close monitoring of electricity and gas prices; retail and wholesale markets should be better linked; and DSOs need to get the right incentives through adequate tariff regulation.

→ [Communication](#)

## CEER ADVICE ON QUALITY DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

The Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) has published on 21 October the Advice on Quality Distribution Services which was presented in Brussels at the occasion of the first stakeholders meeting on the CEER-BEUC 2020 Vision. The document sets out 16 recommendations to harmonize the quality of

electricity and gas distribution services from the household customers' perspective on the energy market. The report focuses on key topics around the connection, disconnection, and maintenance of the supply of energy.

→ [CEER Advice](#)

## AGENDA

- Energy Council (Brussels) : 9 December 2014
- CEDEC WG Grid Tariffs (Brussels): 15 January 2015
- Top Utility III - Federutility (Milan): 4 February 2015
- EC Citizen's Energy Forum (London) : 11 & 12 March 2015
- EC Gas Forum (Madrid): 21 & 22 April 2015