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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT : NEW PRESIDENT & VICE-PRESIDENTS

MEPs elected on 17th January Antonio Tajani (EPP, IT) as European Parliament President. He is replacing Martin Schulz (S&D, DE) who is stepping down after five years as President.

14 Vice-Presidents and 5 quaestors were also elected. All of these posts are for the remaining two-and a half years.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION : WINTER PACKAGE

The European Commission adopted on 30th November 2016, the so-called "[Winter Package](#)" under the title "[Clean Energy for All European](#)". The package contains measures to keep the European Union competitive in the transition towards a clean energy. The proposals have three main goals: putting energy efficiency first, achieving global leadership in renewable energies and providing a fair deal for consumers. The Package contains eight proposals to adapt the energy system:

- [Proposal for a revised Electricity Directive](#)
- [Proposal for a revised Electricity Regulation](#)

- [Proposal for a revised Renewable Energy Directive](#)
- [Proposal for a revised Energy Efficiency Directive](#)
- [Proposal for a revised Regulation on a European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators \(ACER\)](#)
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- [Proposal for a revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive](#)
- [Proposal for a Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union](#)

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CEDEC REPORT ON SUSTAINABLE POTENTIAL OF GAS FOR THE ENERGY SYSTEM

CEDEC recently published a report on the "Sustainable potential of gas for the energy system". This report focuses on the unused potential of sustainable gas and the important role of existing gas grids to achieve the EU climate and energy objectives. The CEDEC report also illustrates several gas applications in different EU Member States using innovative gas technologies.

This report was presented on 8th February, during a workshop session co-organised with the European Biogas Association (EBA). In his presentation of the report, Gert De Block, Secretary General of CEDEC, focused on the contribution that sustainable gas and existing gas distribution grids can bring to the future decentralizing energy system.

To read the full report, click [HERE](#)



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DSO COMMITTEE ON FLEXIBILITY MARKETS

Following up on numerous initiatives in previous years, DSOs have been engaging in an even more active and closer cooperation. The European associations representing the DSOs - CEDEC, EDSO for Smart Grids, EURELECTRIC, EUROGAS and GEODE - organized the kick-off meeting of the new DSOs

Committee on Flexibility Markets on 26th January. They are currently also actively engaged in a formal cooperation with ENTSO-E on the electricity side, as well as with ENSOG on gas related issues.

ACER-CEER CONFERENCE ON "TOWARDS A FUTURE-PROOFED EU ENERGY MARKET DESIGN"

In light of the European Commission's "Clean Energy for All Europeans" proposals, ACER and CEER hosted on 23rd & 24 January 2017 a joint conference to discuss key issues and

associated regulatory challenges associated with the new EU Energy Market Design.

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EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF THE EU : MALTESE PRESIDENCY PRIORITIES

From 1st January 2017 until 30th June 2017, Malta takes over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The Maltese Presidency provided a programme of all the policy sectors for the next 6 months. Within the energy sector, Malta will give priority to advance discussions on the Energy

Efficiency Directive and on the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, as well as reaching a political agreement with the European Parliament on the review of the Regulation on Security of Gas supply.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- CEDEC Working Group Grid Tariffs (Brussels): 16 February 2017
- CEDEC Working Group Trading (Milan): 23 February 2017
- CEDEC Policy Group (Brussels): 9 March 2017
- CEDEC Working Groups Climate & Energy and Heating & Cooling (Brussels): 16 March 2017
- CEDEC Working Group Smart Grids (Brussels): 5 April 2017
- EC Electricity Forum (Florence): 17-18 May 2017)
- EC Citizens' Energy Forum (London): 30 and 31 May 2017
- CEDEC Working Group Gas (Brussels) : 6 April 2017
- CEDEC Working Group Network Codes Electricity (Brussels): 6 April 2017
- EC Infrastructure Forum (Copenhagen): 1st and 2nd June 2017
- CEDEC Annual Congress (Brussels): 10 October 2017