



Newsletter sent to local energy companies

The second six months of 2010 will see Belgium take over the Presidency of the European Union. European activity in the field of energy remains just as lively as far as publications and public consultations are concerned. The Bucharest (Sustainable Energy) and Florence (Electricity) Forums in late June/early July revealed the key subjects for the next 12 months. There is a reminder of the broad outlines and Internet links for the congress which the CEDEC organised in Brussels on 28th and 29th April – dealing with European energy policy and also with smart grids and suitable regulation of them.

BELGIAN PRESIDENCY

The Belgian presidency of the Council took up its duties on 1st July and will be continuing with the work in preparation for the new 2011-2020 action plan for energy policy for Europe, which the European Council will be adopting in spring 2011. Appearing before the European Parliament's ITRE Committee on 12th July, the Belgian Energy Minister, Paul Magnette, confirmed that the Belgian presidency hopes to make progress on the matter of investments in energy infrastructures, which the Commission will be putting on the table by the end of the year. The new Presidency will be paying special attention both to the development of smart grids and to the reviewing of the guidelines for trans-European energy networks. At consumer level, Paul Magnette intends to lead a debate on implementation methods in order to make energy policy more favourable to vulnerable consumers. In terms of the internal market, the Council will be making a progress report on the Commission's legislative initiative on the transparency and integrity of the wholesale markets. The Belgian presidency will also be bringing the new regulation on the safety of gas supply to a close. Finally, amongst the key initiatives for the six-month period, the Council will be getting a debate underway on the adoption of a roadmap for a lower carbon content economy between now and 2050.

<http://www.eutrio.be/fr>

DG ENERGY – TASK FORCE SMART GRIDS

The European Commission's DG ENER launched a task force on smart grids in late December 2009. The goal of this task force is to arrive at a regulation framework for the development and implementation of smart grids with regard to the 3rd packet. The Steering Committee of the Task Force on "smart grids" has already met a number of times and has organised three expert groups, to which the CEDEC is contributing. The work of these groups is due to be finalised by the end of October.

The work of the Task Force Smart Grids is headed up by the European Commission. The 5th meeting of the Steering Committee took place on 22nd June and at it the CEDEC clearly defended its position on a number of strategic points, including its rejection of the idea of attempting to unbundle all of distribution system operators' activities in order to allocate them to various types of operator.

http://www.energie2007.fr/images/upload/eu_smart_grid_tf_minutes.pdf

2011-2020 ENERGY STRATEGY

The European Commission published a public consultation on a European energy strategy on 7th May. The idea is to draw up a new strategy, in consultation with the Council and the European Parliament, which needs to be submitted to the European Council meeting to be held in March 2011. It would replace the European Union's first action plan on energy, which the European Council had backed in March 2007.

The targets to be looked at include:

- the development of smart grids and meters;
- investment in overhauling the infrastructure;
- better integrated energy markets;
- integrated local solutions for the production of energy;
- consumer protection.

The CEDEC replied to this public consultation on 2nd July and its position paper is available using this link:

http://www.cedec.com/cedecdoc_en.aspx?l=en

Starting on 2nd September, the European Parliament's ITRE Committee will be looking into the 2011-2020 energy strategy for Europe in the light of the draft report drawn up by Lena Kolarska-Bobinska.

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+COMPARL+PE-445.675+01+DOC+PDF+V0//EN&language=EN>

The rapporteur emphasises the implementation of the existing legislation and the improvement in both trans-European grids and security of supply. European MPs are hoping to adopt this own-initiative report in the autumn, just before the Commission adds the final touches.

BUCHAREST FORUM – SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

The CEDEC took part in the 2nd Sustainable Energy Forum or "Bucharest Forum" which took place on 6th and 7th July 2010. In five meetings there was a debate on the European policy to be developed in the following areas:

- Decarbonisation - roadmap for 2050;
- 2011-2020 Energy Strategy
- The new role of national action plans in energy efficiency;
- The role of energy companies in the energy efficiency services market;
- Energy efficiency strategy: Progress report.

The aim is to move the Forum towards a political development event, bringing together the political decision-makers and interested parties.

FLORENCE FORUM – ELECTRICITY

The 18th Florence Forum was held on 10th and 11th June 2010 and the CEDEC was represented at it. The discussions and presentations focussed on 6 main subjects:

- regional initiatives;
- the internal market;
- the transparency of the energy market;
- the development of energy infrastructure;
- the influence of renewable energy sources on the electricity market.

The European Commission asked the parties attending to comment on matters including the three-year plan for guidelines and for electricity and gas grid codes.

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/gas_electricity/doc/forum_florence_electricity/meeting_018_conclusions.pdf

CEDEC CONGRESS

The CEDEC congress was held in Brussels on 28th and 29th April and was attended by many figures from the European Commission, the European Parliament, the regulatory authorities and also by executives from local companies from various different countries, who all met to offer a reminder of European energy policy directions and to talk about the initiatives which are underway.

Jo Leinen, the President of the European Parliament's Environment Committee, offered a reminder of the target of cutting CO₂ emissions by 30% by 2020, the eventual goal being to get rid of CO₂ emissions altogether by 2050. Claude Turmes, the Vice-president of the Green group, a member of the European Parliament's Energy Committee and rapporteur-general for the second electricity and gas directive, mentioned the 20-20-20 target to be achieved by 2020. Philip Lowe, Director General for energy at the European Commission emphasised the European Union's schedule for the energy infrastructures and energy efficiency packet.

Silvia-Adriana Ticau, a member of the Energy Committee at the European Parliament and rapporteur-general for the energy performance of buildings directive, focussed on the new European framework for energy efficiency in new and old buildings. Heinz Hilbrecht, the director of the DG TREN at the European Commission, feels that the market lacks openness and believes that smart

meters are a way of creating closer ties with the consumer market.

A succession of other outside speakers also took the platform: Sarah Harrison (Managing Director of OFGEM), Marielle Liikanen (EREGE), Daniel Dobbeni (Chairman of ENTSO-E), Steven Thomas (professor of energy policy at the University of Greenwich) and Jean-Michel Glachant (a professor at the regulatory institute in Florence).

The CEDEC congress also offered a number of directors of local energy companies the opportunity to talk about and discuss their own experiences with smart meters. All of the presentations can be found on the website below:

[HTTP://WWW.CEDEC.COM/CEDECDOC_EN.ASPX?L=EN](http://www.cedec.com/CEDECDOC_EN.ASPX?L=EN)

CEDEC – PUBLICATIONS

- CEDEC annual report:
http://www.cedec.com/home_en.aspx?l=en
- 2010 CEDEC Congress: presentations
http://www.cedec.com/cedecdoc_en.aspx?l=en

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- ERGEG: public consultation on "Assessment of CAM and CMP for effective access to storage" (29/07/2010);
- ERGEG: publication on "final recommendations on the 10-year Gas Network Development Plan" (15/07/2010);
- ERGEG: public consultation on "pilot Framework Guidelines on Electricity Grid Connection" (14/07/2010);
- CEER: publication on "conclusion paper on how to facilitate the deployment of wind generation whilst delivering increased market integration" (12/07/2010);
- ERGEG: publication on "Evaluation of Comments of the public consultation on the pilot framework Guideline on Gas Capacity Allocation" (1/07/2010);
- ERGEG: publication on the final conclusions concerning "Community-wide Ten-Year Electricity Network Development Plan" (23/06/2010);
- ERGEG: publication on recommendations on smart grids (23/06/2010);
- ERGEG: public consultation on the proposed guidelines of good practice on the regulatory aspects of **smart metering for electricity and gas**. (22/06/2010);
- ERGEG: publication of the guidelines of good practice on consumer **complaint handling**, reporting and classification (22/06/2010);
- ERGEG: communication to the European Commission of the pilot draft guidelines on mechanisms for the allocation of **gas** capacities (15/06/2010);
- the European Commission presented its **study on the internal gas and electricity market**, at the European Parliament's ITRE Committee on

24th June. The full study complete is available at the following address:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/activities/committees/studies/download.do?language=en&file=31251>

DIARY

- Madrid Forum: 27th and 28th September 2010
- European Energy Infrastructure Conference: Amsterdam, 5th and 6th October 2010
- Energy Council meeting: 15th October 2010
- London Forum: 21st and 22nd October 2010
- European Council meeting: 28th and 29th October 2010
- European Council meeting: 16th and 17th December 2010