



European Federation of Local Energy Companies

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**CEDEC Congress in the Renaissance Hotel in Brussels:**

**“ A trilemma for local & regional energy companies: How to reconcile climate goals, security of the future infrastructure and customers expectations”**

**EUROPEAN COUNCIL - Conclusions**

**9.12.2011** The European Council set orientations for the further development of its energy policy, as regards completing the internal market, enhancing energy efficiency, developing infrastructure, ensuring coherence in the EU' external relations, and enhancing nuclear safety and security.

→ more: [http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/126714.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/126714.pdf)

**EUROPEAN COMMISSION – Public consultation on Renewable Energy Strategy**

**6.12.2011** The European Commission has launched a public consultation on Renewable Energy Strategy. This public consultation has the aim of soliciting the view of interested parties to assess in how far the orientations of the current policy framework remain valid in the medium term until 2030. The public consultation will close on 7 February 2012.

→ more: [http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/consultations/20120207\\_renewable\\_energy\\_strategy\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/consultations/20120207_renewable_energy_strategy_en.htm)

**ACER – Final Framework Guidelines on Electricity System Operation**

**6.12.2011** These new guidelines are aimed at setting clear and objective principles for the drafting by ENSTO-E of network codes on electricity system operation. The European Commission will now assess whether ACER's guidelines contribute, like previous ones, to non-discrimination, effective competition and the efficient functioning of the market. If the assessment is positive, the Commission will then instruct ENSTO-E to draft network codes based on ACER's framework guidelines within a period of 12 months.

→ more:

[http://www.acer.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/ACER\\_HOME/Stakeholder\\_involvement/Public\\_consultations/Closed\\_Public\\_Consultations/PC-05%20-%20FG%20on%20System%20Operation/Final%20Version%20of%20the%20FG](http://www.acer.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/ACER_HOME/Stakeholder_involvement/Public_consultations/Closed_Public_Consultations/PC-05%20-%20FG%20on%20System%20Operation/Final%20Version%20of%20the%20FG)

**FLORENCE FORUM**

**5-6.12.2011** CEDEC participated at this Florence Forum. A common position of European Distribution System Operators (CEDEC, Eurelectric, Geode) has been presented on the Network Code on Generator Connection. Other topics have been debated, namely the electricity regional initiative, the energy infrastructure package, infrastructure financing, market integrity framework and transparency.

→ more: [http://ec.europa.eu/energy/gas\\_electricity/doc/forum\\_florence\\_electricity/meeting\\_021\\_conclusions.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/gas_electricity/doc/forum_florence_electricity/meeting_021_conclusions.pdf)

## **EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (ITRE) – Exchange of views on Energy Intensity Concept**

**29.11.2011** ITRE Members had an exchange of views with experts on the energy intensity concept. Amongst others, Dr Wolfgang Eichhammer (Fraunhofer Institute) and Prof. Dr Joachim Weimann (Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg) took the floor.

→ more: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/ITRE/publications.html>

## **Energy Council - conclusions**

**24.11.2011** The Energy Council has discussed on the Progress report on the proposal for a directive on Energy Efficiency. It held an exchange of views on a draft regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure. Another policy debate was the presentation by the Presidency of a stock taking report containing a review of the progress achieved since the February European Council.

→ more: [http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_data/docs/pressdata/en/trans/126330.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/trans/126330.pdf)

## **The Commission Work Programme 2012**

**15.11.2011** The Commission Work Programme 2012 translates the Presidency's political guidelines and the State of the Union address 2011 into action. It gives a multiannual overview which frames the Commission's work and helps stakeholders and other EU institutions plan their work with the Commission. Some strategic initiatives may be carried over from the previous year.

→ more: [http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/programmes/docs/cwp2012\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/programmes/docs/cwp2012_en.pdf) and annex : [http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/programmes/docs/cwp2012\\_annex\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/programmes/docs/cwp2012_annex_en.pdf)

## **CEER Implications on Non-harmonised Renewable Support Schemes**

**09.11.2011** The CEER public consultation document addresses the existing differences between national support schemes in Europe and other areas of non-harmonisation in electricity markets. The paper consults on the impact these differences may have on investment decisions and on the functioning of national and European wholesale electricity markets. The public consultation will close on 6 January 2012.

→ more: [http://www.energy-regulators.eu/portal/page/portal/EER\\_HOME/EER\\_CONSULT](http://www.energy-regulators.eu/portal/page/portal/EER_HOME/EER_CONSULT)

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