



# High Level European Electricity Regulation Conference

27 November 2017

*Palazzo Vecchio, Florence*

## ***Draft Agenda***

**09:00 – 09h30:** Registration & Coffee

**09h30 – 11h15:** OPENING, Chaired by Dominique Ristori, DG Energy

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*Welcome from Host: Dario Nardella, Florence Mayor*

Miguel Arias Cañete, Commissioner for Energy and Climate

Carlo Calenda, Italian Minister of Economic Development

MEP Simona Bonafé (S&D, Italy), EP ENVI Member

Ando Leppiman, Estonian Presidency

*Ceremony on the change at the National Regulators' helm:*

Lord John Mogg (Ofgem) will pass the batons of ACER Board of Regulator's Chair and CEER President to newly appointed Mr Garrett Blaney (CRU)

## **11h15 – 12h30: SESSION 1**

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*A strong internal electricity market as a boost to jobs, growth and European leadership*

Moderator: Klaus-Dieter BORCHARDT (Director, DG ENER)

Panelists:

- Alberto Pototschnig (ACER Director)
- Francesco Starace (Eurelectric President)
- Steinar Solheim (IFIEC President)
- Jan Van Aken (EFET Secretary General)
- Pierre Tardieu (Wind Europe, Chief Policy Officer)

Questions:

- *How can our power systems' interlinkages be turned into a positive asset?*
- *What are the strategic and economic benefits of a strengthened, more flexible European electricity market?*
- *How can good energy market arrangements foster both our climate and economic goals?*

**12h30 – 13h45 – Lunch**

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## **13h45 – 15h00 SESSION 2**

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*Placing consumers at the centre: How will more flexible markets and pricing affect consumers' needs?*

Moderator: Jean-Michel Glachant (Florence School of Regulation)

Panelists:

- Frauke-Thies (Executive Director, Smart Energy Demand Coalition)
- Philip Lewis (Founder and CEO, VaasaETT)
- Patricia Suzzoni (Chair of Retail Markets Working Group, CEER)
- Monika De Volder (Senior Economic Officer, BEUC)
- Professor Tomás Gómez (Universidad Pontificia Comillas)

- James Watson (Solar Power Europe, CEO)
- Christian Buchel (Chairman EDSO EU)

Questions:

- *How should the retail market design empower consumers and facilitate the integration of more renewables?*
- *How will energy suppliers need to change to face the challenges of the energy transition? Will consumers' needs change?*
- *How can we increase consumers' interest to benefit from time-variable electricity prices and demand response?*

### **15h00 – 16h15** SESSION 3

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Moderator: Catharina Sikow-Magny (Head of Unit, Networks, DG ENER)

*Interconnections: the view to 2030*

Panelists:

- Ms Paulina Beato Blanco (Member of the Commission Expert Group on electricity interconnection targets)
- Nikos Vasilakos (EREF)
- Jochen Kreusel (Senior Vice- President at ABB)
- Pierre Bernard (CEO, Friends of the Supergrid)
- Bente Hagem (Chair of the Board, ENTSO-E)
- Janez Kopač (Director, Energy Community)

Questions:

- *What elements should be taken into account when planning and developing new interconnectors?*
- *Why should there be an interconnection target?*
- *How to facilitate the implementation of interconnectors and monitor the progress of Member States?*

**16h15 – 16h30** Closing remark by TBD