

FINAL AGENDA

The “Winter Package 2016”: Which Way Forward for Renewables in Europe?

Final Conference of the Project **towards2030-dialogue**

Tuesday, 22 November 2016
10:00 – 15:30

Conference Room (Ground Floor)
CEPS, Place du Congrès 1, 1000 Brussels; Tel.: +32 2 229 3911; www.ceps.eu

Introduction

The European Commission is currently preparing new legislative initiatives on renewables, energy efficiency, market design and governance. With this “Winter Package”, to be published towards the end of the year, the EU is entering a crucial phase for implementing a solid framework aimed at reaching the EU-wide binding 2030 renewable energy target. The **towards2030-dialogue** project has been facilitating and guiding the dialogue on this issue throughout Europe for the past two years. This final conference presents key results and provides a stage for discussing the way forward.



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10:00 – 10:30 Registration of participants

10:30 – 11:15 **SESSION I: *towards2030-dialogue* in the context of the upcoming renewables legislation**

This introductory session will introduce the activities of the *towards2030-dialogue* project and its key outcomes and recommendations. The project results will be put into the context of recent and upcoming policy developments and discussed with the audience.

Introduction by the Chair, **Arno Behrens**, Head of Energy, CEPS

“Outputs and recommendations of the *towards2030-dialogue* project” by **Gustav Resch**, Senior Researcher, TU Wien, Project Coordinator of *towards2030-dialogue*

Response by **Pierre Loaec**, Policy Officer, DG Energy, European Commission

Q&A

11:15 – 12:45 **SESSION II: What market design for an efficient integration of renewables?**

This session takes a closer look at the trade-offs between electricity markets and renewables. The growing share of variable renewables like wind or solar power towards 2030 will have increasing impacts on the future electricity markets and is likely to require numerous regulatory adjustments. Different electricity market design elements are applicable today to improve renewables integration and to better cope with the arising challenges.

Introduction by the Chair and presentation of *towards2030-dialogue* work on market design, **Katharina Grave**, Senior Consultant, ECOFYS

“Market design options for Europe” by **Susanne Nies**, Manager, ENTSO-E

“Local flexibility services for renewables integration” by **Frauke Thies**, Executive Director, Smart Energy Demand Coalition

Comments by **Pierre Loaec**, Policy Officer, DG Energy, European Commission

Comments by **Nicola Melchiotti**, Head of European Public Affairs, ENEL

Q&A

12:45 – 13:45 **Networking lunch**

13:45 – 15:30

SESSION III: Reaching the 27% renewables target: Policy challenges and pathways

This session will focus on the principles of sharing the effort to reach the 2030 RES target of 27%. Contrary to the 2020 policy framework, the EU-target for renewables will not be broken down into legally binding national targets. Instead, the EU-target shall be reached by clear, self-imposed commitments of each EU member state and guided by a solid governance framework as part of the Energy Union. To this end we would like to discuss possible approaches.

Introduction by the Chair, **Pablo del Rio**, Senior Researcher, CSIC

“What long-term ambition for renewables in Europe?”, **Arndt Hassel**, CEPS

“Pathways to achieve the EU renewables target”, **Corinna Klessmann**, Principal Consultant, ECOFYS

“Benchmarks and ambitions”, **Mario Ragwitz**, Head of Unit “Renewables Energies”, Fraunhofer ISI

Comments by **representative**, European Commission

Comments by **Fernando Lasheras Garcia**, Director, Directorate of Energy Policies and Climate Change, Iberdrola

Q&A

15:30

End of Conference

About the project

The aim of **towards2030-dialogue** is to facilitate and guide the RES policy dialogue for the period towards 2030. This strategic initiative aims for an intense stakeholder dialogue that establishes a European vision of a joint future RES policy framework.

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The dialogue process is coupled with in-depth and continuous analysis of relevant topics that include RES in all energy sectors but with more detailed analyses for renewable electricity. The work is based on results from the IEE project beyond 2020 (www.res-policy-beyond2020.eu), where policy pathways with different degrees of harmonisation have been analysed for the post 2020 period. **towards2030-dialogue** directly builds on these outcomes: complement, adapt and extend the assessment to the evolving policy process in Europe. The added value of **towards2030-dialogue** includes the analysis of alternative policy pathways for 2030, such as the (partial) opening of national support schemes, the clustering of regional support schemes as well as options to coordinate and align national schemes. Additionally, this project offers also an impact assessment of different target setting options for 2030, discussing advanced concepts for related effort sharing.

Who are we?



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