

Securing competitive energy for industry

IFIEC Forum: 04 December 2025 – Brussels SHERATON – Zaventem

REMINDER: Chatman House rules applicable for the complete session.

9:30 Registration & coffee / networking

10:00 WELCOME by **Hans Grünfeld**, President of IFIEC Europe

10:05 **KEYNOTE** speaker: **Lukasz KOLINSKI** (EC-DG ENER)

What is the role of the energy infrastructure package for the acceleration of the industrial transition in Europe?

10:35 Q&A session

10:45 **SESSION I: Infrastructures:** Electricity, Gas, H2, CO2.
How can the new Grids Package contribute towards creating liquid markets for electricity and natural gas? How does the Package address the transfer of natural gas infrastructure to hydrogen? What solutions does it offer to the risk of increasing grid cost affecting the competitive position of EII?

Moderator: **Nicolai Romanowski** (Cefic)

Panelists:

- **Agora Energiewende:** Frauke Thies
- **ACER:** Bart Vereecke (Gas, H2)
- **DSO Entity:** Elisa van Dooren
- **IFIEC-VEMW:** Hans Grünfeld

11:45 **Marco Mensink** (Cefic):

How will the Antwerp Declaration process contribute to the future of industry in Europe?

12:15 **SESSION II: Markets functioning & Security of Supply:** Electricity, Gas, H2.

How can electricity and gas markets provide competitively priced products for EII? How can Security of Supply of natural gas be strengthened without imposing unbearable cost for EII? What needs to be done to develop markets for decarbonised hydrogen and what role should low-carbon hydrogen play?

Moderator: **Nicolai Romanowski** (Cefic)

Panelists:

- **Eurelectric:** Cillian O'Donoghue
- **IOGP:** François-Régis Mouton de Lostalot
- **IFIEC-Febeliec:** Peter Claes

13:15 **Lunch & networking**

14:30 **KEYNOTE** speaker: **Alexandre Paquot**, (EC-DG CLIMA)
Accelerating the Clean Transition for Industry: which policy initiatives are required to keep the energy transition on track?

14:45 **Q&A session**

15:00 **SESSION III: European Industry Transition:**
Do the Clean Industrial Deal and the Affordable Energy Plan offer an effective response to the Draghi report on the need for restoring industrial competitiveness? What needs to be done to accelerate the industry transition in Europe and stop de-industrialisation? How should the EU ETS be reformed to strengthen the industry in Europe and its transition and avoid carbon leakage? What role should CC(U)S play and what needs to be done to make it an effective instrument of industrial decarbonisation?

Moderator: **Saartje Swinnen** (essenscia)

Panelists:

- **EC: DG CLIMA:** Alexandre Paquot
- **Fluxys:** Leen Vanhamme
- **IFIEC-VIK:** Christian Seyfert

16:00 **Q&A session**

16:15 Wrap-up and way forward by **Hans Grünfeld**

16:30 **Reception & networking.**