

Symposium

Energiewende – Think European!

Date and location

Tuesday, April 9, 2013, 1:30 pm - 6:10 pm

Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 8:30 am – 3:15 pm

Beletage of the Heinrich Böll Foundation, Schumannstraße 8, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Conference languages are German and English

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Background

Germany resolved to go down the path of implementing energy transition – the *Energiewende* – largely without consulting its European neighbors. To date, conceptual debates and practical steps have almost exclusively been limited to the national context. Yet the *Energiewende* cannot be successful without Europe. After all, greater integration in European power supply will make renewable electricity more reliable and less expensive. In the process, Germany can assume the role of pioneer in Europe by showing other member states what the path to a more climate-friendly, future-proof power supply might look like.

A transnational power grid makes it easier and much less expensive to integrate intermittent renewables. For instance, excess renewable power can be stored inexpensively by storage facilities in the Alps and Scandinavia. In addition, European power trading will ensure that renewable electricity is in the main produced where it is the least expensive.

Unfortunately, there are few signs of a European *Energiewende* at present.

Germany's neighbors to the east have threatened to protect their grids against variable renewable power from Germany to ensure their grid stability – and the profitability of their electricity from fossil fuel. The European debt and economic crisis has reduced support for renewables and slowed down growth rates in southern Europe. At the same time, a number of member states continue to bank on coal and nuclear power. Grid expansion is progressing slowly, as is the European power market.

Furthermore, there is no consensus among member states on how renewables policies should look after 2020. Pioneering countries, such as Sweden and Denmark, have ambitious targets, while France and the UK remain skeptical and are calling for a technology-blind climate policy without binding targets for renewables and efficiency.

The conference aims to give speakers from across Europe a chance to discuss opportunities in and obstacles towards an *Energiewende* in Europe.

AGENDA**Day 1, Tuesday, April 9, 2013**

- 1:30 pm** **Registration**
- 2:00 pm** **Opening Remarks** Large Auditorium 1/2
Ralf Fücks, President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin
- 2:10 pm** **Presentation**
German Energiewende – Status quo and outlook
Rainer Baake, Director, Agora Energiewende, Berlin
- 2:30 pm** **Panel Discussion**
How Germany's European neighbors see the Energiewende
Rainer Baake, Director, Agora Energiewende, Berlin
Olaf Osica, Director, Centre for Eastern Studies, Warsaw
Cécile Maisonneuve, Director, Center for Energy, Institut Français des Relations Internationales (Ifri), Paris
Chair: **Kristina Steenbock**, Executive Director, Smart Energy for Europe Platform (SEFEP), Berlin
- 4:15 pm** **Coffee Break** Cafeteria
- 4:45 pm** **Country Tables**
Talks among neighbors:
In English or German only, no translation
- Country Table Czech Republic** *English/ Large Auditorium 2*
Vojtěch Kotecký
Program Director, Hnutí DUHA (Friends of the Earth Czech Republic), Prague
- Country Table Denmark** *English/ Foyer Beletage*
Susanne Krawack
Senior Consultant, CONCITO, Copenhagen
- Country Table France** *English/ Conference Room 1*
Cécile Maisonneuve
Director, Center for Energy, Institut Français des Relations Internationales (Ifri), Paris

Country Table The Netherlands*English/ Small Auditorium 2***Pieter Boot**

Head of Department, Department of Climate, Air and Energy, PBL Netherlands
Environmental Assessment Agency, The Hague

Country Table Poland*English/ Small Auditorium 1***Andrzej Kassenberg**

Head, Institute for Sustainable Development, Warsaw

Country Table Switzerland*German/ Large Auditorium 1***Rolf Wüstenhagen**

Good Energies Professor for Management of Renewable Energies and Director,
Institute for Economy and the Environment, University of St. Gallen

- 5:45 pm** **Presentation of Results on the Green Stairs** *English*
- 6:10 pm** **Reception** Cafeteria
- 8:00 pm** **End of Day 1**

Day 2, Wednesday, April 10, 2013

- 8:30 am** **Registration**
- 9:00 am** **Welcome and Summary of Day 1** Large Auditorium 1
- Sergey Lagodinsky**, Head of the EU/North America Department, Heinrich Böll
Foundation, Berlin
- 9:10 am** **Keynote**
EU Policies for Renewables
- Klaus-Dieter Borchardt**, Director, Directorate Internal Energy Market, European
Commission, Brussels
- 9:20 am** **Debate**
EU Policies for Renewables
- Hans-Josef Fell**, Member of the German Bundestag, Energy and Technology
Spokesperson, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin
- Klaus-Dieter Borchardt**, Director, Directorate Internal Energy Market, European
Commission, Brussels
- Chair: **Camilla Bausch**, Senior Management; Senior Fellow, Ecologic Institute, Berlin

10:15 am **Coffee Break** Cafeteria

10:30 am **Parallel Workshops**
In part with simultaneous translation

1. Capacity Mechanisms in Europe Large Auditorium 2
without translation - German

Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, Director, Directorate Internal Energy Market, European Commission, Brussels

Felix Matthes, Research Coordinator Energy- and Climate Policy, Institute for Applied Ecology, Berlin

Chair: **Christina Elberg**, Research Associate, Institute of Energy Economics, University of Cologne

2. What should Europe's Future Energy Mix look like? Small Auditorium 1/2
without translation - German

Oliver Krischer, Member of German Bundestag, Spokesperson for Energy and Resource Efficiency, Parliamentary Group, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin

Raffaele Piria, Programme Director, Smart Energy for Europe Platform (SEFEP), Berlin

Chair: **Silvia Brugger**, Director Climate and Energy Programme, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Brussels

3. Harmonizing Policies? Conference Room 1
with translation - English/German

Josche Muth, Secretary General, European Renewable Energy Council (EREC), Brussels

Frederic Thoma, EU Energy Policy Adviser, Greenpeace, Brussels

Chair: **Susanne Langsdorf**, Researcher, Ecologic Institut, Berlin

4. Renewables in Crisis Large Auditorium 1
with translation - English/German

Hans-Josef Fell, Member of the German Bundestag, Energy and Technology Spokesperson, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin

José Donoso, Director General, Unión Española Fotovoltaica (UNEF), Madrid

Rolf Wüstenhagen, Good Energies Professor for Management of Renewable Energies and Director, Institute for Economy and the Environment, University of St. Gallen

Chair: **Ferdi de Ville**, Researcher, Centre for EU Studies, Ghent University

12:00	Lunch Break	Cafeteria
1:00 pm	Conclusions and Outlook	Large Auditorium 1
	100 Percent Renewables in Europe: Are We Well on our Way?	
	Martin Bursík , Former Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic, Chair, Chamber of Renewable Energy Resources, Prague	
	Stephane Bourgeois , Head of Regulatory Affairs, European Wind Energy Association (EWEA), Brussels	
	Antony Froggatt , Senior Research Fellow, Energy, Environment and Resources, Chatham House, London	
	André Poschmann , Head, Division E I 2, Coordination and Monitoring of the Energiewende, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Berlin	
	Chair: Margarete Wohlan , Deutschlandradio Kultur, Berlin	
3:00 pm	Final Remarks	
3:15 pm	End of Conference	