



COGEN Europe Annual Conference & Gala Awards Dinner

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Draft Programme

Conference venue: **Stanhope Hotel Brussels** (Rue du Commerce 9, 1000 Brussels)

- 09:15 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**
- 10:00 **Welcome and Introduction**
- Marco Pezzaglia, Chair, COGEN Europe
- 10:05 **Keynote Speeches**
- Kerstin Jorna, Director General, Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission (invited)
 - N.N., Chair, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), European Parliament (TBD)
 - N.N., Representative of the Hungarian Government (TBD)
- 10:45 **SESSION 1: Industry Leaders' Visions – Ensuring a Competitive and Sustainable Europe**
- European industry and political leaders agree that the EU Green Deal must be accompanied by a European Industrial Deal to safeguard Europe's industrial competitiveness, as all sectors of the economy make efforts towards achieving the goal of carbon neutrality by 2050. The cogeneration sector has a strong manufacturing base in Europe, employing more than 100,000 people. Moreover, cogeneration solutions continue to enable industry, SMEs and district heating operators to stay competitive and reduce their emissions, whilst supporting highly skilled jobs across value chains at the local and/or regional level.
- During this session, CEOs representing leading companies in the cogeneration sector will share their visions for an ambitious European Industrial Deal that will contribute to a successful EU Green Deal implementation.
- Moderator:** Kelvin Ross, Editor-in-Chief, Power Engineering International (PEI)
- Questions and Answers**
- 12:00 **Networking Lunch**

13:15 **SESSION 2: Future-proof Cogeneration – Technology & Innovation for Net-zero**

The European Union is committed to supporting industries' initiatives to innovate, bring to market and deploy key solutions for the energy transition, supporting decarbonisation, security of supply and affordability. Cogeneration is recognised across the relevant EU legislation as a highly efficient energy technology. Going forward, the cogeneration sector is committed to innovating and developing market ready solutions to further support energy systems integration, boost resilience, reduce CO₂ emissions and foster the efficient use of renewable energy sources on the path towards climate neutrality. This session will showcase the latest innovative approaches for sustainable, low/zero emission and future-proof cogeneration technologies.

Moderator: Kelvin Ross, Editor-in-Chief, Power Engineering International (PEI)

Questions and Answers

14:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30 **SESSION 3: Energy Consumers' Voices for a Successful EU Green Deal**

European industry, businesses and citizens need affordable, secure and clean heat and power. Energy efficient and renewable energy solutions are available to address the diverse needs of energy consumers. Yet clean energy investments have slowed down in recent years, due to the multiple crises impacting the European economy and society. Moreover, uncertainties remain regarding the availability of energy infrastructure to ensure energy resiliency and security, as industries, citizens and communities also struggle to access finance for their clean energy projects.

This session will explore the different perspectives of energy consumers, from industries to SMEs and districts. Speakers will identify challenges and opportunities for the implementation of the EU Green Deal, as well as voice out their recommendations to EU policymakers for the next legislative term.

Moderator: TBD

Questions and Answers

16:15 **SESSION 4: Getting 2040 Right – Unlocking Investments for Carbon Neutral, Competitive and Resilient Energy**

The European Commission's Communication on Europe's 2040 climate target and path to climate neutrality by 2050 (published in February 2024) has kick started a strategic debate on the EU's decarbonisation pathways beyond 2030. The Commission's 2040 scenarios anticipate that the energy sector will be expected to reach net zero emissions soon after 2040. which will require the deployment of all clean energy solutions to be accelerated.

In this session, EU industry stakeholders, civil society representatives and policymakers will debate the 2040 climate ambition proposed by the European Commission, as well as the potential pathways to achieve it. What will it mean for the energy sector? How could energy affordability and security of supply be safeguarded? How can necessary investments in future-proof energy infrastructure be fostered?

Moderator: Sonja Van Renssen, Former Editor in Chief, Energy Monitor (invited)

Questions and Answers

17:30 **Closing Keynote Speech**

- Mechthild Wörsdörfer, Deputy Director-General, Directorate General for Energy, European Commission (invited)

17:45 **Conclusions and Closure the Conference**

- N.N., Executive Committee Member, COGEN Europe

17:50 **End of COGEN Europe Annual Conference**

Evening programme: **BELvue Museum** (Place des Palais 7, 1000 Brussels)

19:15 **Welcome Cocktail**

20:15 **COGEN Europe Recognition Awards Ceremony**

Master of Ceremonies:

- Hans Korteweg, Managing Director, COGEN Europe

20:45 **COGEN Europe Gala Dinner** (sponsored by AB Energy)

23:00 End of COGEN Europe Gala Awards Dinner

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