



COGEN Europe Annual Conference & Gala Awards Dinner

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Draft Programme

- 09:15 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**
- 10:00 **Welcome and Introduction**
- **Marco Pezzaglia**, Chair, COGEN Europe
- 10:05 **Keynote Speeches**
- **Joaquim Nunes de Almeida**, Director - Mobility & Energy Intensive Industries (Ecosystems IV), Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW), European Commission
 - **Viktor Horváth**, Deputy State Secretary for Energy Transition, Ministry of Energy, Hungary
 - **Borys Budka** MEP, Chair, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), European Parliament (invited)
- 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 Clean 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 locally.
- During this session, CEOs representing leading companies in the cogeneration sector will share their visions for an ambitious Clean Industrial Deal that will contribute to a successful EU Green Deal implementation.
- Moderator:** Kelvin Ross, Editor-in-Chief, Power Engineering International (PEI)
- Panellists:**
- **Thomas W. Smith**, President, COGEN World Coalition (CWC) & President, CHP Alliance & Senior Director Energy Development, Caterpillar Inc.
 - **Luiz Hanania**, CEO of Veolia Poland & Representative of the Polish Association of Combined Heat and Power Plants (PTEZ)
 - **Henrik Bahri**, Vice President Sales, Siemens Energy
 - **Christian Pho Duc**, Chief Technology Officer, SMARTENERGY (invited)

Questions and Answers

12:00 **Networking Lunch**

13:05 **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)

Panellists:

- Anders Stuxberg, Specialist in Power Plant Process Integration, Siemens Energy
- Paolo Masiero, Marketing Manager Power Generation, Solar Turbines
- N.N., Caterpillar Inc. (TBD)
- N.N., CENTRAX (TBD)
- N.N., INNIO Jenbacher (TBD)
- N.N., TEDOM (TBD)

Questions and Answers

14:35 **Coffee Break**

15:00 **SESSION 3: Energy Consumers' Voices for a Successful Clean Industrial Deal**

European industry, small businesses and citizens need affordable, secure and clean heat and power. Energy efficient and renewable energy solutions are available today to address the diverse needs of energy consumers. Yet clean energy investments in both individual projects and more broadly energy infrastructure have slowed down in recent years, due to the multiple crises impacting the European economy and society.

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 upcoming Clean Industrial Deal.

Moderator: Sonja Van Renssen, Climate, Energy & Environment Journalist

Panellists:

- Andreas Brieger, Director - Climate, Energy and Environment, SMEUnited
- Nick Bitsios, Head of Brussels Office, Metlen Energy & Metals
- Kimmo Alatulkkila, Director, Development of Energy Systems, Oulun Energia
- Magdalena Vallebona, Climate and Energy Director, The European Ceramic Industry Association (Cerame-Unie)
- Corneel Lambregts, Manager Energie & Milieu (invited)

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 has kick started a strategic debate on the EU's decarbonisation pathways beyond 2030.

In this session, EU industry stakeholders, academia/civil society 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, Climate, Energy & Environment Journalist

Panellists:

- Beatriz Yordi, Director, Carbon Markets & Clean Mobility, DG CLIMA, European Commission
- Jos Delbeke, EIB Climate Chair, School of Transnational Governance (invited)
- Paweł Różycki, Deputy Director at the Department of Air Protection and Climate Negotiations, Ministry of Climate and Environment, Poland (invited)
- Georg Zachmann, Senior Fellow, Bruegel (invited)
- N.N., PTEZ (TBD)

Questions and Answers

17:30 **Closing Keynote Speech**

- Paula Pinho, Director - Just Transition, Consumers, Energy Security, Efficiency and Innovation, Directorate General for Energy, European Commission (invited)

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

- Stefan Liesner, Head of Marketing and Public Affairs, 2G Energy & Executive Committee Member, COGEN Europe

Evening programme

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 the evening programme

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