



How to mobilise investments in clean energy infrastructures?

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17.00- 19.00

Room PHS 7C050, European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60, 1047

While the need to decarbonize European electric grids is no longer in doubt, the war in Ukraine has also highlighted the urgent need for achieving long-term energy independence. Any decarbonisation process will require a sufficiently high carbon price that increases over time. But huge public and private investments in low-carbon and renewable energy sources must be made quickly in addition. So, what's holding back investments in decarbonised energy sources? How is that investments are not flowing faster? Towards what type of energy sources and infrastructures shall public and private investments be channelled? What criteria are being and should be used to make investment decisions: environmental, geographic, operational (national industrial know-how), political, economic or financial? How do infrastructure funds target their investments in energy infrastructure?

17:00-17:10 Welcome address

Dominique Riquet MEP, Co-Chair of the Sustainable, Long-term Investments & Competitive European Industry Intergroup

17:10-17:30 Keynote speech

Mairead McGuinness, Commissioner in charge of Financial Services, Financial Stability and Capital Markets Union

17:30 – 18:30 Panel discussion moderated by **Rebecca Christie, Researcher, Bruegel**

Herve Laffaye, President of ENTSO-E (European Network of Transmission System Operators) and International Officer in charge of International and European Affairs at RTE

Maxence Cordiez, Head of European public affairs, CEA (Commissariat à l'énergie atomique et aux énergies alternatives)

Jan Klasen, KfW, First Vice President and Head of KfW's Equity Investments & and European Affairs division

18:30 – 18:50 Q&A

18:50-19:00 Closing remarks

Laurent Zylberberg, Chair of the European Long-Term Investors Association (ELTI)



BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS AND PANELLISTS

Dominique Riquet, Member of the European Parliament, Co-Chair of the Sustainable, Long-term Investments & Competitive European Industry Intergroup



Dominique Riquet was elected in the European Parliament for the first time in 2009. He was reelected in 2014 and 2019. He served many years as Vice-Chairman of the Transport and Tourism Committee. He was involved in several legislative files on the financing of major infrastructure projects, notably as rapporteur on the "Connecting Europe Facility", a fund aimed to finance major European transport, energy and telecommunications networks. From 2009 to 2014, he was also a member of the Committee on Budgets. In addition to his committee assignments, he founded and chaired the parliamentary intergroup on long-term investments.

Since the 2019 European elections, Dominique Riquet has been serving as Vice-Chair of the Renew Europe group. He sits in the Transport and Tourism and in the Industry, Research and Energy Committees. Dominique Riquet was also heavily involved in local politics. In 1989 he became deputy to the Mayor of Valenciennes, Jean-Louis Borloo. He was then mayor of the city from 2002 to 2012. He was also a regional councillor from 1992 to 2009 and Vice-President of the Valenciennes Métropole from 2008 to 2014. Dominique Riquet is a surgeon and urologist and a former head of department at the Valenciennes Hospital Centre.

Mairead McGuinness, Commissioner in charge of Financial Services, Financial Stability and Capital Markets Union



Mairead Mc Guinness is the European Commissioner in charge of financial services, financial stability and Capital Markets Union since 2020. Before that, she was Member of the European Parliament and first Vice-President of the European Parliament between 2014 and 2020, within the European People's Party Group of which she was also the Vice-Chair from 2013 to 2014. She was member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development in the European Parliament from 2004 to 2020, as well as member of Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety from 2009 to 2020. She also worked as a journalist, broadcaster and commentator between 1980 and 2004.



Rebecca Christie, Visiting fellow, Bruegel



Rebecca Christie joined Bruegel as a visiting fellow at Bruegel in March 2019 and currently she is a non-resident fellow at Bruegel. Prior, Rebecca was a political correspondent in Brussels for Bloomberg News from 2011 to 2016. Most recently she served as the lead author on the European Stability Mechanism's institutional history, "Safeguarding the Euro in Times of Crisis: the Inside Story of the ESM". She has also served as an expert adviser to a European Economic and Social Committee panel on taxation. She is an experienced panel moderator and has provided occasional reporting and radio commentary on Brexit to Irish broadcaster RTE and to the BBC.

During a 22-year career in daily journalism, Rebecca wrote for a broad range of newspapers and wire services, from the Bend (Oregon) Bulletin to the UK-based Financial Times. She was a Washington correspondent for 7 years with Dow Jones Newswires and the Wall Street Journal, covering the U.S. Treasury, the Federal Reserve and the Pentagon. She joined Bloomberg in 2008 as senior U.S. Treasury correspondent, a post she held for three years before moving to Europe.

Herve Laffaye, President of ENTSO-E (European Network of Transmission System Operators) and International Officer in charge of International and European Affairs at RTE



Hervé Laffaye, 63, graduated from the engineering school Ecole Centrale of Paris with a major in Applied Mathematics, is an international renowned expert in power systems and President of ENTSO-E (European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity) since 2019.

Member of the Executive Board of RTE, in charge of International affairs, and non-executive Board member of RTE-International, the subsidiary of RTE for international business, H.Laffaye is active in numerous international bodies such as GO15, MED-TSO, and is a senior member of IEEE. He is also active in Cigré and other scientific associations.

He participated to the creation of RTE in 2000, with the following positions : Director of the French national control center from 2000 to 2007, then Director of the Transmission Division (Assets management) from 2007 to

2012 and finally COO Chief Operational Officer (maintenance, operation, development and engineering) until 2015.



Maxence Cordiez, Head of European public affairs, CEA (Commissariat à l'énergie atomique et aux énergies alternatives)



Maxence Cordiez is an engineer and head of European public affairs at the French Atomic Energy Commission (CEA). The CEA is a French public research organisation active in the fields of low-carbon energy, climate and environment, health, defence and digital technology. Maxence Cordiez was previously deputy nuclear counsellor at the French Embassy in the UK. He recently published the book *Énergies* with Tana Éditions, dedicated to the energy transition. He is also a member of the Expert Committee of the website *Connaissance des énergies*.

Dr Jan Klasen, Director, Federal and European Affairs, KfW



Jan Klasen is First Vice President and Director of KfW's division "Federal and European Affairs" since December 2019. In this function Dr. Klasen is responsible for KfW's public affairs vis-à-vis the relevant ministries as well as the German Bundestag in Berlin as well as for relations to the EU institutions. An experienced banking manager, Mr Klasen joined KfW in 1994. He holds a degree in business administration (B.A.) and a PhD from the University of Cologne, Germany.

Laurent Zylberberg, Chair of the European Long-Term Investors Association (ELTI)



Laurent Zylberberg has a sociology and public law background. He holds a PhD (1992) in sociology and political science about the history of urbanism in Paris' region. Political adviser for various Ministers (Home office, Defence, Prime Minister's office, social affairs) from 1989 to 1993, in the meantime, he taught at the Sorbonne University in political science and public law. He was then Social Affairs Counsellor at the French Embassy in London until 1996 when he moved to Brussels to head the European's office of the lobbying company "Euroconsultants". Back to Paris in 1998, he joined France Telecom Group being marketing director for public services, then director for parliamentary affairs. He moved as Employee Relations Directors in 2005, first at international level then for the whole Orange Group. In 2011, he is appointed as General Manager for Orange Vietnam and came back in France in 2013 when he became Group Chief Compliance Officer. Since October 2014, he is Senior Executive Vice-President in charge of Public, International and European Affairs of Caisse des Dépôts Group and since 2016, Chairman of the European Long-Term Investors Association.