



# European Union Energy Day

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## Programme

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### 10.00 - 11.00 HIGH-LEVEL OPENING

An energy transition in Europe is part of the global energy transition. This opening event will discuss the progress made on the regulatory framework for renewable energy and energy efficiency in Europe, and reflect on actions taken to boost the clean energy transition globally.

#### Chair:

- **Dominique Ristori**, Director-General for Energy, European Commission

#### Keynote opening addresses by:

- **Miguel Arias Cañete**, European Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy
- **Jorge Seguro Sanches**, Secretary of State for Energy, Portugal
- **Kathleen Van Brempt**, Member of European Parliament, European Parliament COP23 delegation
- **Amani Abou-Zeid**, African Union Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy
- **Bertrand Piccard**, Chairman of the Solar Impulse Foundation
- **Eckart Würzner**, Mayor of Heidelberg and President of Energy Cities

#### Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding between the World Alliance for Efficient Solutions and the EU Covenant of Mayors by:

- **Bertrand Piccard**, Chairman of the Solar Impulse Foundation
- **Eckart Würzner**, Mayor of Heidelberg and President of Energy Cities

### 11.15 - 13.15 CLEAN ENERGY FOR ISLAND TRANSITIONS

Europe has launched a Clean Energy for EU Islands Initiative that aims to accelerate clean energy transition for European islands. This session will discuss expanding the opportunities of interaction in the context of energy transition to all islands, including cooperation with the Initiative for Renewable Island Energy (IRIE).

#### Co-Chairs:

- **Dominique Ristori**, Director-General for Energy, European Commission
- **Stefano Manservigi**, Director-General for International Cooperation, European Commission

#### Introductory speeches by:

- **Miguel Arias Cañete**, European Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy
- **Joe Mizzi**, Minister for Energy and Water Management, Malta
- **Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum**, Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications, Fiji
- **Thoriq Ibrahim**, Minister of Environment and Energy, Republic of Maldives
- **Adnan Z. Amin**, Director-General, International Renewable Energy Agency

#### Panel discussion with best practices on islands:

- **John Kaldellis**, Scientific Director, Tilos project
- **Didier Lhuillier**, Director-General of CNR, the example of Marie-Galante
- **Olav Skalmernaas**, VP Governmental and Regulatory Affairs, Statoil
- **Eric Scotto**, President and Co-founder of Akuo Energy

### 14.30 - 16.45 EU – AFRICA PARTNERSHIP ON CLEAN ENERGY

Achieving universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy in Africa, including in rural areas, is key for generating inclusive development and jobs for both continents, aligned with the climate challenge. This session will report on the enhanced cooperation between EU and African policy makers and industry leaders to enable energy transition and support and boost sustainable investments in the energy sector.

#### Co-Chairs:

- **Stefano Manservigi**, Director-General for International Cooperation, European Commission
- **Mechthild Wördsörfer**, Director for Renewables, Research and Innovation and Energy Efficiency, European Commission

#### Keynote:

- **Amani Abou-Zeid**, African Union Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy

#### Introductory speeches on EU – Africa Cooperation on Clean Energy by:

- **Mart Laanemäe**, Ambassador of the Republic of Estonia to the Federal Republic of Germany
- **Ousmane Sylla**, Ambassador of Guinea to Belgium
- **Gregor Paterson-Jones**, EFSI Investment Committee Member
- **Jorge Borrego**, Deputy Secretary General for Energy and Climate Action of the Union for the Mediterranean
- **Bruno Bensasson**, CEO Africa, ENGIE
- **Arash Aazami**, Founder, Universalright.org

#### Panel discussion with best practices in Africa:

- **Gilles Vermot-Desroches**, Senior Vice President Sustainability, Schneider Electric
- **Eco Matser**, Climate Change / Energy and Development Coordinator, Hivos International
- **Emmanuel de Merode**, Director of the National Park Virunga and **Dr. Cosma Wilungula**, Director General of the ICCN Alliance, Democratic Republic of Congo

#### Dialogue on EU's role in global energy transition:

- **Rachel Kyte**, Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Energy for All
- **Dominique Ristori**, Director-General for Energy, European Commission

#### Closing remarks:

- **Stefano Manservigi**, Director-General for International Cooperation, European Commission

### 17.00 - 18.15 EU'S PROGRESS ON THE ENERGY TRANSITION

#### Chair:

- **Mechthild Wördsörfer**, Director for Renewables, Research and Innovation and Energy Efficiency, European Commission

#### Panel discussion on EU progress on clean energy transition:

- **Monica Frassoni**, President, EU Alliance to Save Energy
- **James Watson**, CEO, SolarPower Europe
- **Giles Dickson**, CEO, WindEurope
- **Thomas Nowak**, Secretary General, European Heat Pump Association
- **Christian Buchel**, Chairman, EDSO for Smart Grids
- **Alix Chambris**, Head of EU Public Affairs, Danfoss
- **Maxime Bureau**, Director Government Affairs, EMEA Region, 3M

#### Closing remarks:

- **Dominique Ristori**, Director-General for Energy, European Commission