

# Clean Energy for All Europeans: Promoting Energy Efficiency in the EU



**Wednesday 21st November 2018**

Thon Hotel, Brussels City Centre



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## Overview

Considered by the European Commission as the most universally available source of energy, energy efficiency is increasingly seen as a valuable means to achieving sustainable energy supply. Despite a significant improvement in energy efficiency levels, with an increase in renewable electricity share up to 29% (European Commission, 2016) and the impressive cost reduction of renewable power technologies, the full potential of energy efficiency in the EU is yet to be unlocked. The EU has set the ambitious goal of getting half of its electricity from renewable sources by 2030; however, today it merely covers a third of the European economic potential.

Entered into force in 2015, the Energy Union strategy set five objectives including 'putting energy efficiency first' in order to lower the demand for energy. On November 30th 2016, the European Commission put forward the Clean Energy for All Europeans proposals, part of the revised 2012 Energy Efficiency Directive, with a binding target of 30% improvement in EU energy efficiency. In April 2018, the European Parliament adopted new parts of the package, specifically "energy performance of buildings", "renewable energy" and "energy efficiency". In July 2018 the revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive came into force, being the first of eight legislative acts in the Clean Energy for All Europeans package to be adopted. The new directive has huge potential for energy efficiency gains in the EU building sector, which constitutes the largest single energy consumer in Europe. The directive also includes measures that will advance the rate of building renovation towards more energy efficient systems and enhance the energy performances of new buildings, investing in smart technology.

Despite the significant progress made on a legislative and political level, more needs to be done to achieve a change in consumers' and enterprises' energy consumption habits. Along with policy developments, consumption habits play a fundamental role in achieving ambitious goals, as new consumption opportunities may arise as a consequence of energy efficiency gains, which may undermine efforts to reduce overall energy consumption. Moreover, innovation is a major enabler of improvements in efficiency, through the retrofit of old technologies and the implementation of newer and more sustainable ones. To achieve the EU's 2030 climate targets, the European Commission committed to creating more opportunities for green jobs and green growth. Through additional investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy, economic activities can become environmentally-sustainable.

## Venue and Accommodation

**Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre**  
Avenue du Boulevard 17  
1210 Brussels  
Belgium



## Why Attend?

- ✓ Discuss current EU policy priorities related to energy efficiency, review the latest developments and future policy recommendations in the EU legal framework
- ✓ Assess the EU policies aimed at creating further deployment of renewables in the electricity sector
- ✓ Examine the revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive
- ✓ Highlight the importance of consumption habits in shaping energy consumption patterns, in the public and private sectors
- ✓ Explore available funding sources to finance energy efficient investments
- ✓ Gain insights into innovative technological solutions to increase efficient energy consumption
- ✓ Discuss how to strengthen collaboration with the private sector and integrate non-economic actors
- ✓ Assess how to deliver on jobs and growth as part of reshaping the EU energy economy
- ✓ Discuss how to effectively provide information to consumers about energy consumption and energy efficient offers available to them

## Who Should Attend?

- Environmental Services and Policy Professionals
- Sustainable Development Stakeholders
- Private Sector Environmental Organisations
- Environmental Planning and Design Officers
- Energy Efficiency Professionals
- Environmental Associations
- Local Authorities
- Organisational Development Professionals
- International and Regional Organisations
- National Ministries and Institutes
- Joint Committees on Environment
- Environmental Energy Leads
- Services Sustainability Professionals
- Regional Development and Natural Environment Specialists
- GreenCity Teams
- Central Government Departments
- Environmental Services Urban Design Professionals
- Environmental Campaigns Professionals
- Environmental Enforcement Professionals

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## Programme

- 09:15** Registration and Morning Refreshments
- 10:00** Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 10:10** **Tracking Developments in the Transition to a Clean Energy System in the EU Legal Framework**
- Assessing the Revised Framework for Energy Efficiency Directives: Clarifying Targets and Implementation
  - Discussing the EU Binding Target and Challenges for Meeting the Deadline
  - Updating the Effective Enforcement of EU Regulations: Ongoing Debate and Future Legislative Scenarios
  - Supporting the Transition: Guidance in the Access to and Use of Available Funds and Programmes
- 10:40** **First Round of Discussions**
- 11:10** Morning Coffee Break
- 11:30** **Putting Energy Efficiency First : Strengthening the EU Sustainability Criteria**
- Accelerating Clean Energy Innovative Solutions and Renovating Europe's Buildings: the 'Smart Finance for Smart Buildings' Initiative
  - Assessing Positive Spillovers: How Energy Efficiency Fosters Competitiveness
  - Analysing the Link between Energy Efficiency and Long-Term Energy Demand
  - Lowering the Demand in Energy: Innovative Technological Solutions to Achieve Efficiency Gains
- 12:00** **Second Round of Discussions**
- 12:30** Networking Lunch
- 13:30** **Achieving Global Leadership in Renewable Energies**
- Analysing the EU Progress in the Deployment of Renewable
  - Encouraging Public and Private Investments
  - Strengthening Collaboration with the Private Sector and Integrating non-Economic Actors
  - Applying EU Financing in an Effective Manner
- 14:00** **Third Round of Discussions**
- 14:30** Afternoon Coffee Break
- 14:50** **Empowering and Informing Consumers about Their Energy Consumption and the Offers Available**
- Managing Energy Consumption through Smart Technologies
  - Energy Inefficient Housing : Taking Energy Poverty into Account
  - Encouraging Partnerships with Stakeholders: Multi-stakeholders Actions at Regional and Local Levels
  - Creating Growth and Jobs: Supporting Industry-led Initiatives to Promote EU Global Leadership
- 15:20** **Fourth Round of Discussions**
- 15:50** Chair's Summary and Closing Comments
- 16:00** Networking Reception
- 16:30** Close

*\*Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice\**

## Event Details

**Date:** Wednesday 21st November 2018  
**Time:** 10:00am – 4:30pm  
**Venue:** Thon Hotel, Brussels City Centre



## Forthcoming Events

Reducing Drug Supply and Demand in the EU: Developing a Holistic and Coordinated Response Across Member States  
**18th October 2018**

Protecting Migrant Children and Unaccompanied Minors in the EU: Developing a Co-ordinated Approach to the Emerging Crisis  
**24th October 2018**

Tackling Childhood Obesity in the EU: Halting the Rise through Prevention and Closer Collaboration  
**30th October 2018**

Reinforcing Cyber Security in the EU: Building Coordinated Security, Confidence and Capability in the Cyber Domain  
**6th November 2018**

Fostering Active & Healthy Ageing in Europe: Integrating the Elderly & Harnessing their Economic Potential  
**8th November 2018**

Reforming the European Asylum System: Moving Towards a Unified, Fair and Effective Framework  
**15th November 2018**

Tackling Violence against Women and Girls in the EU: Educating, Empowering, Protecting and Prosecuting  
**22nd November 2018**


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