



REGIONAL FORUM 2010



PROGRAMME

Energy and Transport Diversity
Sustainable Policies, Priorities and Needs

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Hilton Warsaw Hotel and Convention Centre

9:00 **Registration and welcome coffee**

10:00 **The Starting Points**

Welcome address: **Philippe Maystadt**, President of the European Investment Bank

Keynote speech: **Jerzy Buzek**, President of the European Parliament

Opening address: **Jacek Rostowski**, Minister of Finance and Governor of the European Investment Bank

11:00 **Session I: Diversity of energy supply: importance, perspectives and constraints**

Introduction: **Simon Brooks**, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank

Keynote speech: **Günther Oettinger**, European Commissioner responsible for energy

- Panel:
- **Graeme Sweeney**, Executive Vice-President, CO₂, Shell International Petroleum Company Limited
 - **Grzegorz Wiśniewski**, Managing Director, President of the Board, Institute for Renewable Energy
 - **Tuomo Hatakka**, Chairman of the Management Board, Vattenfall Europe AG
 - **Andrzej Kassenberg**, President, Institute for Sustainable Development

Questions & Answers

12:30 **Buffet lunch**

14:00 **Session II: Diversity in transport: coherent connections?**

Keynote speech: **Siim Kallas**, Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner responsible for transport



In order to sustain economic development, ensure the security of energy supply and protect the environment, the public and private sectors in the energy industry need to overcome multiple challenges including responding to increased generation costs, diversifying fuel sources, modernising capacity, deploying new technologies, liberalising markets, enforcing European directives, and mitigating the social impact of undergoing changes.

With Central and Eastern Europe's energy supply mostly based on fossil fuels and considering that the primary energy demand is forecast to increase dramatically by 2020, aggressive policies fostering energy efficiency and climate-friendly technologies, including renewables, are essential. Clever choices concerning transition solutions to a low-carbon economy are needed, including an understanding of the role of gas and of new-generation coal-based technologies such as carbon dioxide capture and storage.

What political, economic and technological factors will influence choices in the energy sector? What will the priorities be when choices have to be made between low-cost investments yielding limited short-term benefits and big-ticket long-term projects? How will countries in the region implement the EU Energy Package? What role will nuclear power generation play? How much appetite is there for leading edge technology which might prove expensive to install and operate?



The European Union and national governments promote transport policies which help to provide safe, cost-effective, interoperable, sustainable and environmentally friendly transport systems.

- Panel:
- **Roland Lappin**, Member of the Executive Board, Hamburger Hafen und Logistik Aktiengesellschaft
 - **Marta Gajęcka**, Partner, Ernst & Young
 - **Juliusz Engelhardt**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Infrastructure
 - **Armand Toubol**, Vice-President, European Freight and Logistics Leaders Forum, Member of NewOpera Aisbl
 - **Wojciech Suchorzewski**, Warsaw University of Technology

Questions & Answers

15:30 **Coffee break**

16:00 **Session III: Financing energy and transport: needs and solutions**

Introduction: **Philippe de Fontaine Vive**, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank

Keynote speech: **Jacek Dominik**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Finance

- Panel:
- **Johannes Ludewig**, Executive Director, Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER)
 - **Carlos Jorge Ramalho dos Santos Ferreira**, Chairman of the Executive Board of Directors, Millennium bcp
 - **Wolfram Erhardt**, Head of Finance Department, Nabucco Gas Pipeline International GmbH
 - **Jarosław Myjak**, Vice-President of the Management Board in charge of the corporate market, PKO BP

Questions & Answers

17:30 **Conclusions**

- **Anton Rop**, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank

17:45 **Cocktail reception**

Conference Chair: **Stefan Wagstyl**, Emerging Markets Editor and former Central and East Europe Editor

Simultaneous interpretation into English, French, German and Polish will be provided

Policymakers want infrastructure networks to facilitate economic growth, regional competitiveness, employment generation and territorial cohesion. A proper balance needs therefore to be found between infrastructure development in wealthier and poorer regions within countries, between encouraging growth and boosting social cohesion and between apportioning costs nationally and locally.

How advanced is the implementation of these objectives in a region that is still dealing with the legacy of centrally driven economy transport infrastructure? How open are the region's countries to new technologies and new methods of financing, building and operating transport investments? What balance do governments want to strike between public sector and private sector transport provision? What can be done to maintain and develop a fully integrated network in a more efficient way? What prospects are there for the further development of cross-border transport links in the region? Can ways be found for the region to learn the lesson from the evolution of transport policies developed in Western Europe by promoting new generation schemes which, for example, rely more on public transport and less on private cars?

The financial crisis has put tremendous strain on public budgets, public-private partnerships and private sector projects just when central and eastern Europe is preparing for new capital-intensive investments in energy and transport. While European Union funds can mitigate the pressure on public finances, big infrastructure schemes will still require other sources of financing.

What are the prospects for securing private sector credit and capital? What role can be played by the EIB and other IFIs? What can project sponsors do to make schemes more attractive to potential investors and financial creditors? Is the commercial and legal environment strong enough in the region for investors and lenders to feel comfortable to committing themselves to long-term schemes?

Clients' Corner

European Investment Bank staff will be available throughout the Forum to answer general questions on the EIB's activities. Bilateral meetings can also be organised with our specialists.

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