

# PROGRAMME

## MAKING EUROPE'S ENERGY TRANSITION A REALITY WITH THE HELP OF SMART TECHNOLOGIES

19<sup>th</sup> of February 2020

**European Parliament Members' Salon**



### **Introductory remarks - 18.30**

**Ms Maria Carvalho MEP (EPP/PT)**

Co-host and ITRE EPP Vice-Coordinator

**Ms Claudia Gamon MEP (Renew/AT)**

Co-host and Rapporteur of the European Parliament  
energy storage own-initiative Report

**Mr Dieter Brunner ESMIG President**

President of the Board of Directors at Iskraemeco

### **Keynote Speeches and Dinner - 19.15**

**Mr Thor-Sten Vertmann**

Cabinet Member of Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson

**Mr Zeljko Krevzelj**

Counsellor for Energy, Croatian Presidency of the EU

**Mr Mark Van Stiphout**

Deputy Head of Unit, New Energy Policies, Innovation and Clean Coal,  
DG ENER, European Commission

### **Opening of the Discussion - 20.00**

### **Concluding Remarks - 21.00**

**Mr Ville Niinistö MEP (Greens/FI)**

Co-host and ITRE Greens/EFA Coordinator

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## About the speakers

### **Maria Carvalho MEP (EPP/PT)**

Maria da Graça Carvalho is a Member of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee (ITRE) and ITRE Vice-Coordinator for the EPP. Maria Carvalho also served as an Adviser to the former European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science Carlos Moedas, as well as a Principal Adviser to Commission President Barroso in the areas of Science, Innovation, Research, Energy and Environment. Previously, she was Minister of Science, Innovation and Higher Education of Portugal and Director-General of GRICES-Office for International Relations in Science and Higher Education. Maria Carvalho is a Professor at the Technical University of Lisbon and she is Chair of the Knowledge for Innovation (K4I) Forum in the European Parliament.

### **Ville Niinistö MEP (Greens/FI)**

Ville Niinistö is a Member of the European Parliament since 2019. He is the Greens/EFA groups' Coordinator in the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) and a Member of the Committee on Environment (ENVI). He also served as Finland's Minister of the Environment from 2011 to 2014. Ville Niinistö is a former Member of the Finnish Parliament, former Party Leader of the Green Party of Finland and a current Member of the City Council of Turku. In addition to his committee assignments, he is part of the European Parliament Intergroups on Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas and on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals.

### **Claudia Gamon MEP (Renew/AT)**

Claudia Gamon is a Member of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee (ITRE). She is the NEOS spokesperson for all EU-related issues and sits with the Renew Europe group in the European Parliament. Previously, she represented NEOS as a member of the Austrian Parliament. In her work she focuses mainly on the topics of digitalisation, science, research, energy and technological progress. Claudia Gamon studied International Business Administration and International Management at the Vienna University of Economics and the Université catholique de Louvain. She gained her first political experience in 2011 when she was the leading candidate for the Young Liberals in the Austrian Students' Union.

### **Thor-Sten Vertmann, Cabinet Member, Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson**

Thor-Sten Vertmann is in charge of electricity market, consumer and energy efficiency policies for the Cabinet of Energy Commissioner Kadri Simson. He worked for more than a decade in various Estonian governmental bodies with a focus on EU affairs, including in the energy, climate and transport domains. Between 2016 and 2018, he was the Head of the Energy Section for the Estonian EU Presidency and chaired the Council's Energy Working Party for the Clean Energy Package proposals. In 2015, he joined the European Commission's Vice-President Andrus Ansip's Cabinet which led the drafting and implementation of the Digital Single Market Strategy and used his experience later on at DG DEVCO for mainstreaming digitalisation in development policies.

### **Zeljko Krezvelj, Counsellor for Energy, Croatian Presidency of the EU**

Zeljko Krezvelj is Energy Attaché at the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Croatia to the EU. Having worked in the Ministry of Environment and Energy for more than six years, he is bringing his experience as Counsellor for Energy and Atomic Questions. During the Croatian Presidency of the Council of European Union, he will be chairing the Energy Working Party and co-chairing the Atomic Questions Working Party.

### **Mark Van Stiphout, Deputy Head of Unit, DG ENER, European Commission**

Mark van Stiphout is Deputy Head of Unit in DG Energy in the Unit responsible for new energy policies, innovation and clean coal. He was also a member of the Cabinet of the Commissioner for Energy Oettinger. Previously, he was assisting the Director-General for Energy, and from 2006 to 2010, he was responsible for the liberalisation of the internal market for natural gas as a Policy Officer. Former roles include consultancy on renewable energy projects at Ecofys, with a focus on generating energy from biomass, and Market Analyst at Cogas.

### **Dieter Brunner ESMIG President, President of the board of Directors at Iskraemeco**

Dieter Brunner is President of the IDIS-association and an active member of Swiss Engineering societies. Since 2009 all his managerial, professional and sales experiences are focused on Iskraemeco to become one of the preferred providers of smart metering solutions. He started his managerial career at ABB in Switzerland and continued at Gutor Ltd as Sales & Marketing Director. He excelled as Managing Director at APC Industrial Systems based in Rhode Island in USA. In 2007 he joined Landis+Gyr in Switzerland as Vice President Sales EMEA.

