

## Hydropower – supporting a power system in transition

22 June 2015

**Hotel Renaissance,  
Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels**

### 13h00 Registration & Networking lunch

14h10 Welcome and Introduction

**Hans ten BERGE**

Secretary General, EURELECTRIC

**Karl-Heinz GRUBER**

CEO, VERBUND Hydro

**Sigrid HJØRNEGÅRD**

Director for Renewable Energy, Climate and Environment, Energy Norway

### Session I: Hydropower in a changing environment

**Chair and Moderator**

**Niklas DAHLBÄCK**

Hydro R&D Manager, Vattenfall AB  
Vice Chair of EURELECTRIC WG Hydro

14h40 Changing power system challenges and hydropower

**Jens SCHRAMM**

Member of the Technical Committee Hydro Power of VGB

14h50 Environmental challenges for hydropower

**Michael O'BRIAIN**

Deputy Head of Nature Unit, DG Environment, European Commission

15h00 Investments in the energy sector - challenges, opportunities

**Stefaan VERGOTE**

Head of Unit for Economic analysis and Financial instruments  
DG Energy, European Commission

15h10 Panel Debate: challenging business environment: which drivers for change?

**Alexandre AFFRE**

Director of Industrial Affairs department, Business Europe

**Jonathan BONADIO**

Policy Officer, DG Energy, Renewables & CCS Policy Unit, European Commission,

**Anne BOLLE**

Head of Climate Policies, Public Affairs, Statkraft AS

Questions and answers

**Christine VAN OLDENEEL**

Managing Director  
Hydro Equipment Association

**Cédric PHILIBERT**

Senior Analyst, Renewable Energy Division, International Energy Agency

15h45 Coffee Break

## Session II: Hydropower as a solution

	<b>Chair and Moderator</b>	<b>Otto PIRKER</b> Senior Advisor, Verbund Hydro Power GmbH Chair of EURELECTRIC WG Hydro
16h10	Views from the European Parliament	<b>Paul RUEBIG</b> MEP
16h15	Macroeconomic study on hydropower – key findings	<b>Christian HEWICKER</b> Senior Technical Advisor, DVL
16h35	EURELECTRIC Hydropower paper and policy recommendations	<b>Emmanuel BRANCHE</b> Senior Economist Engineer, EDF
16h50	Panel Debate: The role of hydropower in a system with increased need for flexibility and system stability	
	<b>Nicolas KUEN</b> Policy Officer, Wholesale markets: electricity & Gas Unit, DG Energy, European Commission	<b>Colas CHABANNE</b> Convenor, ENTSO-E WG Market Design and RES (RTE France)
	<b>Ivan PINEDA</b> Director of Public Affairs, EWEA	<b>Stephen WOODHOUSE</b> Director, PÖYRY
	Questions and answers	
17h35	Concluding Remarks	<b>Otto PIRKER</b> Senior Advisor, Verbund Hydro Power GmbH Chair of EURELECTRIC WG Hydro
17h40	End of Conference	

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