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ENER Interviews

Catharina Sikow-Magny, Director for Green Transition and Energy System Integration

DG ENER's Director for the Green Transition & Energy System Integration, Catharina Sikow-Magny reflects on the situation for renewables in the context of the energy crisis – the recently agreed changes to the renewables directive, and the prospects for hydrogen and biomethane. She also explains how previous infrastructure investment helped the EU respond to the energy crisis last year and the priorities for future investment. Finally, she shares her thoughts on the Electricity Market Design proposal and ongoing moves to push for action on methane emissions.

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News

EU Energy Platform: EU attracted over 13.4 bcm of gas in first joint gas purchasing tender

By leveraging its collective economic weight, the EU managed to attract bids from a total number of 25 supplying companies equivalent to more than 13.4 billion cubic meters of gas (bcm) – surpassing the 11.6 bcm of joint demand that EU companies submitted through the recently established AggregateEU mechanism.

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Spring 2023 Economic Forecast: An improved outlook amid persistent challenges

Lower energy prices in recent months have been a significant factor in supporting moderate growth in the EU economy so far this year.

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Commission launches a large-scale skills partnership for energy-intensive industries

The aim of this partnership is to identify skill needs and develop appropriate curricula and training programmes to ensure that the energy-intensive industries workforce has the right skills for them to remain leaders in the green and digital transition.

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European Green Deal: New EU-Norway Green Alliance to deepen cooperation on climate, environment, energy and clean industry

On 24 April, the EU and Norway established a Green Alliance to strengthen their joint climate action, environmental protection efforts, and cooperation on the clean energy and industrial transition.

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€99 million available for funding project ideas for the Clean Energy Transition

The LIFE Call for Proposals 2023 is inviting stakeholders actively working on accelerating the clean energy transition and decarbonising Europe to submit their project ideas until 16 November 2023.

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CEF Energy launches €750 million call for energy infrastructure projects

The new call addresses studies and works for PCIs and it will be open until 5 September 2023.

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CEF Energy: EU invests in preparatory studies for offshore wind farm in the Northern Adriatic Sea

One project has been selected requesting EUR 252.500 of EU funding for preparatory studies that will help to assess the feasibility of a potential offshore wind farm of a capacity of approx. 300 MW.

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7% of EU population unable to keep home warm in 2021

The situation varied across the EU countries, with the largest share of people unable to keep their home adequately warm reported in Bulgaria (24%), Lithuania (23%), Cyprus (19%), Greece (18%) and Portugal (16%).

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EU gas consumption decreased by 17.7%

The EU consumption of natural gas has dropped by 17.7% in the period August 2022-March 2023, compared with the average gas consumption for the same months between 2017 and 2022.

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Speeches by Commissioner Simson

Keynote speech at the launch of the Energy Storage Coalition (4 May 2023)

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Remarks at the North Sea Summit in Ostende (24 April 2023)

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Upcoming events

17th EMA network meeting



date

24/05/2023 - 25/05/2023



venue

Brussels, Belgium

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Stakeholder forum I: heat pumps action plan



date

25/05/2023

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Webinar 'Opportunities to finance energy transitions'



date

25/05/2023



venue

Online



Registration

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Clean energy for EU islands Forum 2023



date

07/06/2023 - 08/06/2023



venue

Saaremaa (Estonia)



Registration

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38th meeting of the European Electricity Regulatory Forum



date

08/06/2023 - 09/06/2023




venue

Rome, Italy

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9th Energy Infrastructure Forum



	date	12/06/2023 - 13/06/2023
	venue	Copenhagen, Denmark

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European Sustainable Energy Week 2023




	date	20/06/2023 - 22/06/2023
	venue	Brussels and online

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Annual Political Dialogue – Initiative for coal regions in transition



	date	27/06/2023 - 28/06/2023
	venue	Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic
	Registration	Register

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Latest studies and publications

Ecodesign preparatory study for Building Automation and Control Systems (BACS)

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Technical assistance for ensuring optimal performance of technical building systems under the new Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EU) 2018/844

EU regulation for the development of the market for CO2 transport and storage

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Multi-supplier models and decentralized energy systems

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Coming up!

REPowerEU first anniversary

On 18 May it will be one year since the EU presented the REPowerEU Plan to end our dependency on Russian fossil fuels and diversify our energy sources. We have since built partnerships with more reliable energy partners including Norway and the U.S and filled Europe's gas reserves to record high levels. One year on, not only have we ensured a secure energy supply and shielded our citizens from the worst of the market volatility, we have doubled-down on our Green Deal and energy efficiency commitments.

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Public consultations

Heat pumps – action plan to accelerate roll-out across the EU (Call for evidence)



Deadline

26/05/2023

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Cooking appliances - energy labelling requirements (Call for evidence)



Deadline

30/05/2023

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Cooking appliances – ecodesign requirements (Call for evidence)



Deadline

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Consultation on Swedish market reform plan



Deadline

09/06/2023

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