

The Green European Foundation, with support of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, EU Office, invites you to the Lunch Debate

***Finding synergies for a European energy transition:
The BeNeLux countries as a test case***

Germany's *Energiewende* reflects a national policy turnaround with cross-border implications. Even though each EU Member State has the right to determine its own energy mix, there is a clear impact on the neighbouring countries and on the EU level in general. At the same time, the EU is moving forward with the creation of a single energy market and is gathering proposals for the 2030 climate & energy targets.

The Benelux countries, located at the heart of Europe and in between the two main power systems in the EU (France with a heavy reliance on nuclear and Germany with a focus on renewables), certainly represent a formidable test case for synergy effects in an ever changing energy world. The Belgian plans for nuclear phase-out, the Dutch focus on wind energy and the Luxembourg approach towards more local renewable energy respond to different national and geographical challenges while at the same time striving for more renewable energy ownership and efficiency.

How do the European neighbours and in particular Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg react to the German *Energiewende* and in how far does this influence their national policy shaping for energy? How are the Benelux energy pathways influenced? And, finally, what are the synergies and challenges of regional cooperation for a European energy transition?

Date: Monday, 24th June 2013, 13 – 14.30 (Sandwich lunch as of 12.30)

Venue: Brussels (to be confirmed after registration)

Panel:

- * **Frederic Deloof**, General Secretariat Benelux Union (confirmed)
- * **Claude Turmes**, MEP, Greens-EFA (LUX) (confirmed)
- * **Geert Palmers**, Director 3 E (BE)
- * **Ton Hirdes**, Director Nederlandse Wind Energie Associatie NWEA (NL)

This Lunch Debate will be held under Chatham House Rule.

No admittance without confirmed registration. Please confirm your participation by email to Marie Drique (marie.drique@eu.boell.org).

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About GET@EU

[GET@EU](#) (The German Energy Transition in the European Context) is a cooperation of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung (hbs) offices in Berlin, Brussels, Prague and Warsaw. It aims at communicating challenges and opportunities of the German Energy Transition; strengthening a mutual, solution-oriented dialog on the impacts on other EU Member States and promoting visions for a European Energy Transition.

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