

COGEN EUROPE ANNUAL CONFERENCE & DINNER 2014

The main cogeneration event in Europe
3-4 April 2014, Brussels



Cogeneration in Europe

Europe has set itself the challenge of achieving green, sustainable growth. In a world of volatile energy prices, in which Europe is coming under increased competitive pressure internationally, how do we both move the economy forward in the short term, and prepare the ground for fulfilling our energy, climate and industry goals in the years to come?

As a cost-effective means of making energy-efficiency gains, cogeneration - also known as combined heat and power (CHP) - represents a tremendous opportunity for Europe. It helps EU countries to achieve their climate and energy goals by underpinning lower fuel consumption, hence boosting security of supply by reducing reliance on foreign imports. Cogeneration also helps to bring down industrial costs and makes industry more competitive, allowing companies to become effective players in the electricity market.

Conference

Europe is home to some of the world's best energy-efficiency technologies - and cogeneration is one of them. The industry continues to move forward through innovation and exports, but Europe's cogeneration market is currently flat. How best to integrate cogeneration into the emerging low-carbon world of diverse supply and coordinated demand to produce an efficient, low-carbon energy network? What new market opportunities are there in which cogeneration can be successful?

Harnessed properly, CHP can play a vital enabling role in Europe's economic recovery by reducing industry's operating costs. CHP is fuel-independent, so it can remain competitive despite any difficulties faced by individual fuel sources - as illustrated by the current situation in the gas market. And CHP significantly boosts Europe's supply security by reducing its overall fossil-fuel consumption.

For all these reasons and more, energy efficiency in the transformation sector must be an integral part of the EU's thinking as it puts together its 2030 energy and climate policy framework. What are the options for moving forward in difficult economic times. What is the right policy approach?

COGEN Europe's Annual Conference brings together leading EU policymakers, industry representatives and influential thinkers to discuss these and other issues including the latest policy developments, market potentials and best-practice examples.

Join us on 3-4 April at the Renaissance Hotel, Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels, Belgium.

Agenda

The conference will bring together leading energy professionals to discuss the challenges facing the energy sector and its contribution to achieving the EU's climate and energy goals.

There will be conference sessions dedicated to:

- Cogeneration's role in supporting Europe's growth, competitiveness and supply security.
- CHP's role in the EU 2030 climate and energy policy framework.
- The evolution of the power market and its impact for CHP operators.
- Cogeneration as a driver of innovation.
- National market updates.

Dinner and Awards

The Conference Dinner will be held on the evening of 3 April. COGEN Europe will recognise exceptional contributions to the sector through its COGEN Europe Annual Recognition Awards.