

# Europe's triple challenge, one answer

## Research-driven clean energy transition for decarbonisation, security & competitiveness

14 October 2026 | 9:30 - 16:00 CEST  
TownHall Europe, Brussels & Online

Master of ceremonies: Anna Gumbau

09:30 **Registration & welcome coffee**

10:00 **Welcoming remarks**  
*Henk-Jan Vink - President, EERA*

10:05 **Keynote speeches**

- *Tinne Van der Straeten - Chief Executive Officer, WindEurope*
- *Ann Mettler - President and Co-Founder, Catalyse Europe*

10:30 **Fireside chat or "In conversation with..."**  
*Thomas Pellerin-Carlin - Member of the European Parliament, European Parliament*

11:00 **Coffee break**

11:30 **Panel 1 : How do we keep the energy system running while transforming it?**  
*The operational challenge: integrating high shares of clean energy and electrified demand while keeping the system stable, reliable and affordable: grid infrastructure, flexibility, storage, and energy demand reduction and sufficiency.*

**Panelists:**

- *Karsten Krause - Unit Digitalisation, Competitiveness, Research and Innovation, DG ENER, European Commission*
- *Claire Roumet - Strategic Partnerships & Overall Coordination, Energy Cities*
- *Kristian Ruby - Secretary General, Eurelectric*
- *Georg Zachmann - Senior Fellow, Bruegel / Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin*
- *Laurens de Vries - JP Coordinator Energy Systems Integration; EERA / TUDelft*

12:30 **Lunch**

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### **Panel 2: How does Europe build and keep a clean energy industry?**

*The industrial challenge: moving from innovation to manufacturing at scale, securing supply chains for critical materials, and developing the skills base Europe needs.*

#### **Panelists:**

- Jacek Truszczyński – Head of Unit, Net Zero Industries, Sustainable and Circular Products, DG GROW, European Commission
- Florie Gonsolin – Programme Lead EU Industry Transformation, Agora Industry
- Ruben Davis – Senior Policy Director and Leader Scale-up Coalition, Cleantech for Europe
- [Name] – EERA research representative [to be confirmed]

14:30

### **Coffee break**

14:45

### **Panel 3: How do we prepare energy systems for shocks we can't predict?**

*The preparedness challenge: diversification of supply, efficiency as a buffer, secure supply chains, and the capacity to adapt to disruption.*

#### **Panelists:**

- Ruud Kempener – Unit Energy Security and Safety, DG ENER, European Commission
- Bruno Gouverneur – Head of Market & Operations, ENTSO-E
- Catherine Banet – Academic Co-Director for Energy, CERRE; Professor of Law, University of Oslo
- Christophe Béguinet – Member, European Economic and Social Committee
- Knut Samdal – JP Coordinator Energy Security and Resilience; EERA / SINTEF

15:45

### **Closing remarks**

Adel El Gammal – Secretary General, EERA