

## Report on the BAEE Activities in 2012

2012 was the first year of the new BAEE. We have organized three types of events: Policy Seminars, Policy Workshops and Research Workshops.

### Policy Seminars

*Policy Seminars are events where we invite international experts to discuss energy policy. The Policy Seminars are organized in close cooperation with CPB, NMa, Tilec and the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs (EZ).*

#### ***9th Energy Economics Policy Seminar:***

##### ***“Climate change and international environmental agreements”***

On Wednesday 26 September, the BAEE’s first policy seminar was organized at the Dutch Competition Authority, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation (E&LI). In this seminar, the challenges for reaching an effective and equitable climate change agreement were discussed. The seminar featured two renowned keynote speakers, Scott Barrett of Columbia University, and Cathrine Hagem, who leads a team of researchers at Statistics Norway studying the design of international environmental agreements. Discussants were Ton Manders, deputy head climate, air and energy of the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL) and Erwin Mulders, the deputy unit manager international climate change at the Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment was the second discussant.

### Policy Workshops

*Policy Workshops are specialized small-scale gatherings where we discuss specific topical issues in energy policy*

#### ***1<sup>st</sup> Policy Workshop, jointly organized with CIGRE:***

##### ***“Flow-based market coupling: calculation, allocation and economic consequences”***

On 26 April 2012, we organized a policy workshop about market coupling. At this workshop, which was attended by about 60 people, the prospects for further market integration through flow-based market coupling were discussed. Speakers were Pieter Schavemaker (Eurogroup Consulting), Paul Giesbertz (Statkraft), Adriaan van der Welle (ECN) and Bert Willems (Tilburg University).

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Workshop, jointly organized with EZ:***

##### ***“Renewable energy, price formation and policy challenges for electricity markets”***

At the second BAEE Policy Workshop, organized on November 2, 2012, Simon Mueller (International Energy Agency), Ronald Huisman (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Paul Koutstaal (Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands) and Christian Growitsch (Energy Economics Institute, Cologne, Germany) spoke about the impact of renewable energy on the investment climate in the electricity sector. There was a lively discussion between the

speakers and with the audience, among others about the need for a capacity mechanism in case a growing share of renewable energy would be too detrimental for the business case for thermal capacity.

### **Research workshops**

*In Research Workshops, Master and PhD students, as well as experienced researchers present papers on energy economics. The purpose of these workshops is to facilitate networking between energy economics researchers in the Benelux.*

#### ***“1st BAEE Research Workshop on Energy Economics”***

On September 28, the first **BAEE Research Workshop on Energy Economics** was held at Utrecht University. This workshop was intended to provide researchers in fields related to energy economics, an opportunity to meet each other. In between the research presentations, several research institutes presented themselves, also to help participants to get to know the Benelux research landscape better. The enthusiasm was so great that we had to program two times two parallel sessions to fit all the presentations in one day.