

Invitation for a policy workshop on
Investment in Generation Capacity:
Do we need more, and if so, how do we achieve it?

7 May 2013, 13.00 – 17.00
 Brussels, Federal Planning Bureau

INVESTMENT IN GENERATION CAPACITY

Recently, generation capacity adequacy in the Belgian electricity market has been questioned by some stakeholders. This seminar sets one step back and puts the question of generation capacity adequacy into perspective by focusing on a number of questions such as what is the ‘relevant market’ when considering generation adequacy? Should we take a country perspective or a more international perspective? And, in the latter case, should it be a European perspective or something in between a Belgian and European perspective? If generation capacity is indeed inadequate, then what are the reasons for this? And what could be appropriate measures or incentives to remediate?

Two speakers are invited to share their views on this topic. The first speaker focuses on the generation adequacy question as such, whereas the second speaker takes generation inadequacy as the starting point to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of alternative paths towards a solution. The ideas of both speakers will be challenged by two discussants with ample room for an open discussion with the audience.

PROGRAM

13:00	Registration & welcome coffee & tea
13:25	Welcome and opening
13:30:	Adam Szekely (ENTSO-E) <i>Generation adequacy assessment of the European Transmission System Operators</i> <i>Questions addressed:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the relevant market, geographical scope?</i> • <i>If there is a shortage in generation capacity, then what are its reasons? For example</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Uncertain regulatory climate, compared to other countries?</i> • <i>Lack of production sites with good inter-connector capacity? NIMBY effect.</i> • <i>Too low electricity prices (due to political pressure, price caps...)</i> • <i>Other countries are more attractive investment locations, importing energy is cheaper than producing locally.</i>
14:15:	Discussants: Marc Deprez (FPS Economy, DG Energy) & Theo De Waal (Essent)
14:35:	General discussion
15:00:	Coffee break

15:30:	Fabien Roques (CERA) “Capacity mechanisms: the new game in town? – Issues and pitfalls in implementation”
16:15:	Discussants: Estelle Cantillon (ULB) & Alain Marien (CREG)
16:35:	General discussion
17:00:	Drinks

Remark

To enable free discussions, the *Chatham-House* rule applies to this workshop:

“When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed”.

Registration

Attendance to the workshop is free, but registration is required.

Please register before April 30 on the website of the BAEE (<http://www.baee.eu/>)

Venue

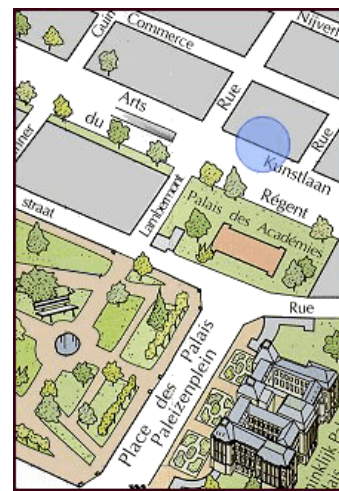
Federal Planning Bureau,
Room Terwagne (4th floor)
Avenue des Arts 47-49
1000 Brussels

Please register at the reception on the first floor.

The Federal Planning Bureau is a 10 minute walk from the Central Station: Go in the direction of the Galerie Ravenstein, then cross the Brussels Park (Warande) towards Rue Belliard. The Federal Planning Bureau is situated between Rue Belliard and Rue Montoyer.

See also:

<http://www.plan.be/contact.php?lang=en&TM=30&IS=76>



Thanks

The BAEE thanks the Federal Planning Bureau for hosting this workshop.