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## Interview with Vice Chair Europe, Johannes Teysen



Dr Johannes Teysen, WEC Vice Chair Europe and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Management of E.ON AG, Dusseldorf, Germany.

### **Three issues that keep me up at night:**

1) The economic crisis – it has its impacts also on our industry. In particular investments in the oil and gas upstream as well as power generation will slow down due to higher capital costs, financing bottlenecks and falling energy demand with significantly lower commodity prices. This might also harm the speed of our climate transformation process.

2) Challenges towards global solutions – the energy industry is global, climate change and security of supply can only be tackled successfully by international cooperation. But we see increasing protectionism and reduced trust in competitive transnational market mechanisms. We need to resist these trends and engage in a political dialogue with all stakeholders.

3) Innovation and research – especially in energy we will only become better through innovation and research into new fundamental technologies. Politics need to understand that this takes consistency and a broad public-private partnership. The commercial and political support for CCS, as necessary today as they were yesterday, now seem less certain.

### **I would appreciate feedback from WEC members on...:**

...all key questions of the current time. I still remember a discussion in Istanbul about the financial crisis as well as a discussion in Brussels about the gas crisis. At both occasions I learned a lot: For me, WEC is an ideal opportunity to discuss challenges of our time with knowledgeable people.

... all ideas to enhance the visibility of WEC

... an exchange of ideas of the MCs about their work in their countries

### **WEC should think about...:**

- Being more active in agenda setting and less reactive.
- Being an inevitable part of any energy discussion - be it international or national.
- Better and more effective ways for communication with key stakeholders in order to convey our WEC ideas in the best manner: The first very promising steps have been taken, but there is still a lot to do.
- How to use its enormous power i.e. its multi-energy, multi-country approach in the best way.

**It is time to reinvigorate WEC as a global trend setter in political and commercial priorities concerning energy use and supply.**

## WEC Debriefing

On April 30, 100 experts from Romania and other countries attended a conference on “Assessment of Energy Policies and Practices in Romania”, organized by **WEC’s Romanian MC**. Dr. Iulian Iancu, WEC-RNC Chair, opened the conference, and speakers included representatives from Romanian energy agencies, institutes and companies and the Ministry of Economy. Key outcomes were the importance of taking energy policy in new directions and the opportunities offered by the present economic crisis for restructuring the energy sector and attracting new investments. [Read more...](#)

On May 13, 15 and 18 **WEC’s Brazilian, Peruvian and Colombian MCs** organized various events in the Latin America & The Caribbean Region to launch and discuss WEC’s Study “Regional Energy Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean”. Representatives of both public and private energy sectors attended the events actively participating in the discussion and agreed on the need to progress towards a prompt and real energy integration as a key element to foster economic growth and development aiming to a sustainable end to hunger and poverty within the region. [Read more...](#)

## Congress Update

To underscore his commitment to making the next World Energy Congress a great success, WEC's Secretary General Christoph Frei visited Montreal early in his mandate and met with Quebec Premier Jean Charest and the Minister of Natural Resources and Fauna for Quebec, Claude B  chard.

Both, the Prime and Energy Minister underlined their full support for the 2010 Congress and, in particular, a commitment to help convene the energy ministers roundtable.

Christoph Frei was also invited by Quebec Premier Jean Charest to give a speech in front of an audience of more than 700 people at the Liberal Party of Quebec General Council. [Read more...](#)



## WEC Agenda

**We invite our members to attend the following upcoming WEC events:**

**June 29-July 1; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

WEC/ADEME Workshop: 'Energy Efficiency in Africa'  
Contact : [nurse@worldenergy.org](mailto:nurse@worldenergy.org)

**June 9-11; Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**

WEC Asia Regional Programme: Ceremony for the completion of the Sola/Win System & Seminar on the GEEP

Contact: [nurse@worldenergy.org](mailto:nurse@worldenergy.org)

**September 16-19; Reykjavik, Iceland**

WEC Executive Assembly  
Contact: [melton@worldenergy.org](mailto:melton@worldenergy.org)

**October 13-14; London, UK**

FT-WEC Energy Leaders Summit 2009

<http://www.ftconferences.com/energy>

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**October 14; London, UK**

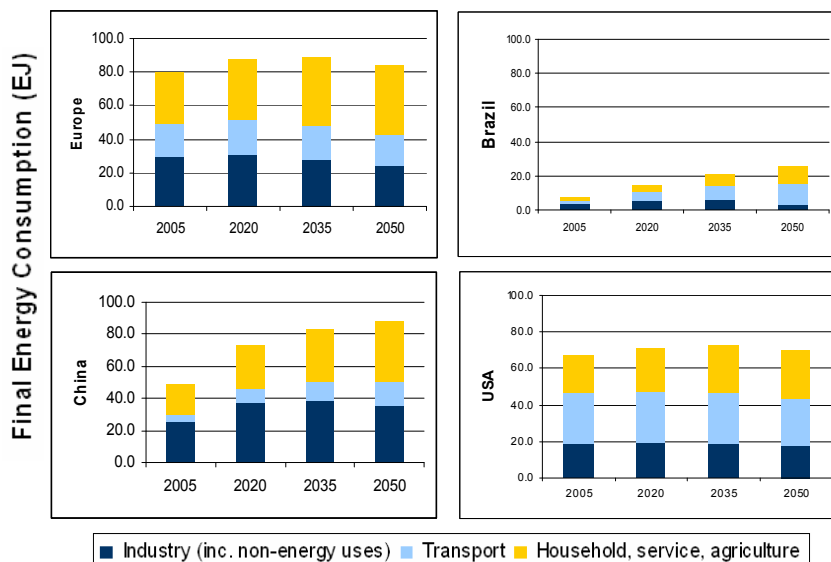
Patrons CEOs Roundtable (invitation only)

Contact: [best@worldenergy.org](mailto:best@worldenergy.org)

**For further events, including Member Committee and third-party events, please check the Events page on our WEC website.**

## Inside Insight

### Projected (2005-2050) Energy Consumption (EJ) for a Scenario with High Cooperation-High Government Involvement



Today's problems are international (climate change, energy security, finance sector governance, energy poverty, energy trade, food, water scarcity, etc.).

Population is projected to rise from 6.5 billion to 9.3 billion and CO2 emissions - without unprecedented policy intervention - to 57 Gtonnes in 2050. The global carbon budget would then be 2000 Gtonnes, more than twice the limit to keep average temperature below a 2  C increase from today.

Strong and unprecedented cooperation and integration between governments and between public and private sectors can reduce emissions to extent needed. Isolation and nationalistic stances are unhelpful!

Graph used in: [WEC Energy Policy Scenarios to 2050, Appendix A](#), published in 2007, [www.worldenergy.org/publications](http://www.worldenergy.org/publications)

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