



Conference program

Fossil fuel lock-in: why gas is a false solution
Brussels, 26–28 September 2016

Monday, 26 September 2016	
Venue: Maison des Associations Internationales (MAI), Rue Washington 40, 1050 Bruxelles	
09:15 – 10:00	Registration
10.00 – 10.30	Welcome and round of introduction Claus-Dieter König, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Brussels
10.30 – 11.30	Panel 1: Setting the scene: gas and climate – why gas is a false solution and why we need to address the issue Chair: Molly Walsh, Friends of the Earth Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why this conference? Aiming towards common actions and activities (Laura Weis, PowerShift e.V. Berlin) • Why is there such a massive push for gas by the oil and gas industry and the European Commission? Why now? (Pascoe Sabido, Corporate Europe Observatory) • Environmental destruction and local resistance in the gas fields of Groningen (Liz Main, GroenFront!; Peter Polder Milieudefensie, Netherlands)
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12.00 – 13.30	Lecture: Natural Gas, methane, and climate change after COP21 Lecture by Robert Howarth, Cornell University, New York, Board of Directors for Food & Water Watch
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch

<p>14.30 – 16.00</p>	<p>Panel 2: Sharing experiences: new infrastructure projects as points of reference against gas?</p> <p>Chair: Xavier Sol, Counter Balance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where does our gas come from? Geopolitics of gas, growing gas exploitation worldwide, gas pipelines and LNG-terminals (Alfons Perez, ODG, Spain) • Gas pipeline system from Asia to Europe – The Southern Gas Corridor: Human rights violations in Azerbaijan, and resistance in transit countries (Trans-Adriatic-Pipeline) (Emma Hughes, Platform London; Elena Gerebizza, Re:common, Italy) • Why was the resistance against the oil pipeline Keystone XL in Canada and the US so successful? What can we learn from the North-American campaign? (Jane Kleeb, Bold Nebraska, Nebraska Democratic Chair-Elect, US) <p>Discussants: Davide Panadori, ODG Barcelona; Joe Young, Reclaim Power, UK; Karl Andreasson, Uppsala University, Sweden; Pedro Viera, Climaximo’s activism group, Portugal; Robbie Gillett, Reclaim the Power, UK; Sergio Ruiz, Campaign against Midcat, Spain/Sweden</p>
<p>16.00 – 16.15</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>16:15 – 17:45</p>	<p>Space for reflection and exchanging experiences</p> <p>Facilitation: Laura Weis, PowerShift e.V. Berlin; Tazio Müller, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Berlin</p>
<p>17.45 – 18.30</p>	<p>Dinner</p>
<p>18.30 – 20:30</p>	<p>Panel 3 (public): Fossil fuel resistance in Maghreb and Latin America, and European external energy policy</p> <p>Chair: Alfons Perez, ODG, Spain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extractivism, energy, and resistance in Maghreb and European external energy policy (Hamza Hamouchene) • European corporations abroad – Fracking in Argentina (Lorena Riffo, Tierra para Vivir, Universidad Nacional de Comahue; Enrique Viale, Asociación Argentina de Abogados Ambientalistas, Argentina) <p>Discussants: Andy Gheorghiu, Food and Water Europe; Grégory Lassalle, Filmmaker and author, France; Juliette Renaud, Amis de la Terre, France ; Vincent Espagne, Anti-Fracking Network Europe, France</p>
<p>20:30 – 21:30</p>	<p>Informal exchange</p>

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10.00 – 11.30	<p>Panel 4: What is happening at the European level? How do we fight it?</p> <p>Chair: Molly Walsh, Friends of the Earth Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gas consumption in the EU: How much gas infrastructure does the EU actually need? (Manon Dufour, E3G, Brussels) • Energy Union and EU gas strategy: What is happening now and who is behind this plan? (Antoine Simon, Friends of the Earth Europe) • What is the industry's narrative and agenda? How can we counter it? (Laura Weis, PowerShift e.V. Berlin) <p>Discussants: Tobias Haas, Tübingen University, Germany; Kevin Buckland, Campaign against Midcat Pipeline, Spain; Petr Hlobil, CEE Bankwatch, Czech Republic; Louise Hazan, 350.org, UK; Philip Bedall, Robin Wood, Germany</p>
11.30 – 11.45	Coffee break
11.45 – 13.15	<p>Panel 5: Energy democracy: alternatives to a new gas lock-in</p> <p>Chair: Pascoe Sabido, Corporate Europe Observatory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would a 100% renewable energy future look like? Do we need gas back-up? (Preben Maegaard, Folkecenter, Denmark) • The private concentration of the renewable sector in Morocco and critique of the Moroccan Solar Plan (Lucile Daumas, Attac Morocco) • Energy democracy: What do we really need and what sort of energy system do we want? (Molly Walsh, Friends of the Earth Europe) <p>Discussants: Samuel Martín-Sosa, Ecologistas en Acción, Spain; Fanny Sannerud, Divestment movement, Sweden; Joao Camargo, Million Climate Jobs, Portugal; Pauline Boyer, Alternatiba and ANV-COP21, France</p>
13.15 – 14.15	Lunch
14.15 – 16.00	<p>Space for discussion on joint activities and future cooperation</p> <p>Facilitation: Laura Weis, PowerShift e.V. Berlin; Tazio Müller, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Berlin</p>
16.00 – 16.15	Coffee break
16.15 – 17.00	<p>Outlook, feedback</p> <p>Summary, strategies, what do we need for a follow-up?</p> <p>Facilitation: Pascoe Sabido, Corporate Europe Observatory</p>
18:00 – 20:00	Dinner

Wednesday, 28 September 2016

Different venues

<p>10:00 – 12:30</p>	<p>Public conference in the European Parliament: gas, a bridge fuel to global warming?</p> <p>The climate and environmental impacts of the European gas strategy and the interests hidden behind.</p> <p>Organized by: Xabier Benito (GUE/NGL group), MEPs Michèle Rivasi (Greens/EFA group), Dario Tamburrano (EFDD group)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antoine Simone, Friends of the Earth Europe • Elena Gerebizza, Counter Balance • Pascoe Sabido, Corporate Europe Observatory • Robert Howarth, Cornell University <p>Languages: English, Italian, French, Spanish</p> <p>Venue: European Parliament, Room ASP 1E2</p> <p>Registration: To enter the European Parliament, please send an email with your full name, passport number, nationality, date of birth, place of birth to: xabier.benitoziluaga@europarl.europa.eu</p>
<p>12:30 – 14:00</p>	<p>Time for lunch (lunch not provided)</p>
<p>14:00 – 16:00</p>	<p>Fossil fuel-lobby tour in the European quarter</p> <p>With Pascoe Sabido and Marijke Vermander, Corporate Europe Observatory</p> <p>Join Corporate Europe Observatory for a guided tour around the Brussels' EU Quarter and discover who are the key players in pushing the EU towards fossil fuel lock-in. From the oil and gas companies themselves to the lobby consultancies and think tanks that work for them, and of course, not forgetting the EU institutions</p> <p>Meeting point: In front of the European Parliament at the entrance "Altiero Spinelli" (the one facing the Place Luxemburg). Waiting on or near the stairs of the entrance.</p>

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