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Agenda

Nordic French Energy Day

Conseil supérieur du notariat

60 Bd de la Tour-Maubourg, 75007 Paris, France

November 7 | 8:00-14:00

Welcome Coffee and Registration 8:00 - 8:30	
Opening Remarks by the five Nordic Ambassadors and Laurence Tubiana 8:30 - 8:45	
Panel 1: Geopolitics around Energy: How to Reduce Dependencies 8:50 - 9:35	
Main questions	In a tense geopolitical climate – marked by the war in Ukraine, U.S.-China rivalry, instability in the Middle East, and the new American presidency – Europe's energy security is under strain. This session will explore how France and the Nordic countries can learn from each other and deepen cooperation to reduce strategic dependencies and build a more resilient clean energy value chain.
Panelists	Hanne Fugl Eskjaer, Danish Ambassador to France Harri Mäki-Reinikka, Finnish Ambassador for Energy Pierre Schellekens, Director, Strategy and Coordination of Energy Policy, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission Nicolas Boruchowicz, Manager, France and North Africa, DNV Moderator: Joseph Dellatte, Head of Energy and Climate Studies, Resident Fellow, Asia Program, Institut Montaigne
Panel 2: Accelerating Renewables and Fossil-Free Energies in Europe: a Franco-Nordic Perspective 9:40 - 10:25	
Main questions	This session will explore how Nordic countries have developed successful models in nuclear power, wind power, hydropower, geothermal energy and bioenergy, and how France has pursued a complementary path with its strong nuclear sector. French and Nordic voices will reflect on their respective energy trajectories and examine opportunities for collaboration.



Panelists	Oskar Ahnfelt, Vice President Public & Regulatory affairs, Vattenfall Benoît Gilbert, General Manager, Vestas France Guillaume Gillet, Group Public Affairs Vice President, Engie Erkki Maillard, Senior Vice President for European and International Affairs and Diplomatic Adviser to the Chairman and CEO, EDF Harri Varjonen, Executive Director, FinNuclear Association Moderator: Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzaga, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri
Break 10:25 - 10:40	
Panel 3: Powering the Transition: Infrastructure, Interconnection, Sector Coupling, and System Flexibility 10:45 - 11:30	
Main questions	Energy systems face increasing pressure to become more flexible, resilient, and interconnected. This session will explore how France and the Nordic countries – each with unique energy mixes and infrastructure challenges – can collaborate to develop the robust grid systems required for a decarbonized future.
Panelists	Julien Cossé, Chief Strategy Officer, Nord Pool Holding AS Maurice Dierick, Head of European Affairs, Réseau de Transport d'Électricité (RTE) Benoît Gaillochet, Co-Head of Infrastructure Europe & Senior Managing Director – Infrastructure, Ardian Pauline Morin, General Manager of Growth and Development for Europe and Africa, Wärtsilä Energy Moderator: Maxence Cordiez, Senior Fellow, Energy, Institut Montaigne and Head of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle at Hexana
Panel 4: Adapting to Climate Change: Nordic and French Experiences in the Development of Heating and Cooling Systems 11:35 - 12:20	
Main questions	This session will explore the key technologies and strategies for decarbonizing heating and cooling systems in urban and industrial



	settings. With a particular focus on district heating, industrial heat recovery, geothermal energy, and heat pumps, the roundtable will highlight French and Nordic experiences and expertises.
Panelists	Benjamin Frémaux, President, Group Idex, and Senior Fellow - Energy, Institut Montaigne Professor Dr.-Ing. Armin Hafner, International Institute of Refrigeration Antoine Locket, Managing partner, Elements, BBA Fjeldco Laure Meljac, Regional Manager International Affairs, NIBE Saska Rihtarsic, Vice President District Energy, Danfoss Moderator: Julia Reinaud, Senior Director, Europe, Breakthrough Energy
Keynote Speech from Keisuke Sadamori Director, Energy Markets and Security, IEA 12:20 - 12:35	
Networking Lunch 12:40 - 14:00	