

## World Energy Issues Monitor: Decoding new signals of change



The World Energy Issues Monitor 2020 was launched on 26 February and featured during the official meeting between the World Energy Council Secretary General and CEO Dr Angela Wilkinson and Professor Dr Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Energy (ENER), at the European Commission's Headquarters in Brussels. The 2020 edition of the World Energy Issues Monitor provides unique insights into what energy leaders identify as their critical uncertainties and action priorities this year. [Read more](#)

## European pathways in energy transition

The Council's Secretary General & CEO and Regional Vice Chair Europe met on 26 February in Brussels with the Directorate General Energy (DG ENER) at the European Commission. The productive discussions, attended by Dr Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, Deputy Director General Energy, and his colleagues, featured opportunities for cooperation between the Council, whose European membership extends from Portugal to Russia and includes 25 out of the 27 European Union Member States, and DG ENER, in support of its ambitious plans for climate neutrality and the Green Deal. [Read more](#)



## Meeting with Saudi Arabian Energy Minister HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud



World Energy Council Secretary General and CEO Dr Angela Wilkinson met with Saudi Arabian Energy Minister HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud in the Saudi capital Riyadh on 19 February. During the meeting, Dr Wilkinson thanked Prince Abdulaziz for his continued support of the World Energy Council and his personal efforts over the years as Chairman of the World Energy Council's Saudi Arabian Member Committee. [Read more](#)

## ARUP joins Hydrogen Global charter

The World Energy Council is pleased to announce that Arup has joined the Hydrogen Global community. Arup is the first of the Council's Partners to sign the Hydrogen Global charter.

Hydrogen Global was launched in 2019 by the World Energy Council as a platform to promote the deployment of clean hydrogen and hydrogen-based fuels. [Read more](#)



**Global challenge to define the role of citizens in energy transition**



The World Energy Council is working with Omdena, a collaborative platform for building AI solutions to real-world problems through global collaboration, to launch a global challenge to understand how citizens of the world perceive their role within the energy transition. This challenge aims to increase awareness of potential social barriers and unexpected risks to energy transition.

**25th World Energy Congress official website is now launched**

The official website of the 25th World Energy Congress has been launched at [worldenergycongressrussia.org](http://worldenergycongressrussia.org). The 25th World Energy Congress will take place in Russia, St. Petersburg in 2022. It is organised by the World Energy Council, the Russian National Committee of the World Energy Council and the Roscongress Foundation. [Read more](#) and visit [www.worldenergycongressrussia.org](http://www.worldenergycongressrussia.org)



**Start Up Energy Transition Award 2020: Finalists nominated**



15 start-ups from 11 countries across 5 continents have been nominated as finalists of the "Start Up Energy Transition (SET) Award 2020". The finalists impress with outstanding ideas and make an active contribution to accelerate energy transition. Their business models will be presented at the "Start Up Energy Transition Festival" taking place on the 24 March in Berlin. Our Members can attend the Tech festival with a special discount. [Read more](#)

**Africa's Energy Transition Investment Challenge**

Responsible investment in energy is not all about infrastructure and technology. It is also about people and policy choices – and the quality of productive access needed by families, local communities and cities healthy and happy energy societies to flourish through energy transition. Just before the start of the 12<sup>th</sup> Africa Energy Indaba in Cape Town on 3 March, Dr Angela Wilkinson published her new blog. [Read more](#)



## Update

### Organise a national event to promote innovation in your country

Member Committees are warmly encouraged to organise national events or awards before or after the Tech Festival inviting their national start-ups to promote innovation in their country. For more information or support, contact **Cristina Morales, Senior Manager**, at [Morales@worldenergy.org](mailto:Morales@worldenergy.org)

**Africa Energy Indaba**  
Cape Town, South Africa  
3 – 4 March, 2020  
[Read more](#)

**Start Up Energy Transition  
Award and Tech Festival**  
Berlin, Germany  
24 March, 2020  
[Read more](#)

**World Energy Council Netherlands  
Conference 2020**  
5 March, 2020  
Beeld en Geluid, The Hague  
The Netherlands  
For registration go to:  
[bit.ly/WECNL2020](http://bit.ly/WECNL2020)

**World Energy Leaders Summit**  
Tallinn, Estonia  
30 June, 2020

**World Energy Week**  
Beirut, Lebanon  
7-9 October, 2020

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