

'Politicians need professionally gathered quality data'

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Today MEP Dr. Romana Jordan(EPP) hosted the presentation of EURELECTRIC's Power Statistics and Trends in the European Parliament.

'Policies must be based on actual state of the art which can only be defined by quality data gathered by professional researchers. For policy-makers, work is not finished once a legislative proposal has been adopted. We have to follow its implementation and its effects on our economy as well as the everyday lives of our citizens,' Dr. Romana Jordan said, opening today's presentation and debate.

EURELECTRIC, the association of the European power sector, prepares an annual overview of statistics and trends in the field of electricity. Main results of the latest edition, covering data up to 2011, show that output from renewables continued to grow despite the economic slowdown and an overall decrease in power consumption.

Dr. Jordan welcomed EURELECTRIC's work: 'I am happy that EURELECTRIC again this year offers us a good overview of data in the field of energy and thereby enables us to have an informed and constructive debate on the state-of-the-art as well as future scenarios,' she continued.

Presentations were given by Mr. Roeland MERTENS (Eurostat Energy Unit), Mr. Marco BARONI (International Energy Agency) and Ms. Susanne NIES (EURELECTRIC, Unit for Energy Policy & Generation).

More information, including a synopsis report and details on how to request the complete Power Statistics and Trends 2012report can be found at [/powerstats/2012](#).

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