

Thursday 16 June 2011*University of Strathclyde, Glasgow*

8h30 Registration and Coffee

9:15 Welcome & Setting the Scottish Energy Scene*Prof. Stephen McArthur, Director Institute of Energy and Environment, Strathclyde University***PART I Context****9h30** Why TSOs need to take the environment seriously and RGI's role*Antonella Battaglini, Executive Director, RGI***9h45** The need for renewables and new grid infrastructure from an environmental perspective*Dr Stephan Singer, Director Global Energy Policy, WWF (video statement)***09h50** Impacts of power lines on bird populations in Europe*Markus Nipkow, Officer for Ornithology and Bird Protection, NABU***10h05** Environmental and public acceptability benefits of an integrated European grid infrastructure*Nicole-Nabi Siefken, Policy Officer, DG Energy European Commission (video statement)***10h10** The North Sea Offshore Grid in terms of environmental and public acceptability*Louise Wilks, Business Strategy Manager for Future Networks, National Grid***10h25** Practical experience: Building a power line from Beaully to Denny*Colin Imrie, Head of Energy and International Low Carbon Division, Scottish Government*

10h40 Coffee break

PART II Working Groups 1 – Understanding environmental impacts of grids: What do we know?**11h10** Introduction: Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) answer what kind of questions?**11h20** Break out into two groups to discuss:

1. Impacts on species, habitats and ecosystems, their minimisation and opportunities for environmental enhancement – Chair: **Guido Axmann**, RGI / Thema1
Impulse: Aedán Smith, Head of Planning and Development, RSPB
2. Non-biodiversity impacts and their minimisation (e.g. transmission losses, landscape etc.) and innovative solutions and opportunities for environmental enhancement – Chair: **Antonella Battaglini**, ED, RGI
Impulse: Jhon van Veelen, Architect, Landschap in Verandering

12h20 Reports from break out groups to plenary & discussion

13h00 Lunch break

PART III Working Groups 2 – How to speed up grid development without sacrificing environmental achievements?**13h45** Break out into two groups to discuss:

1. Developing environmental guidelines for grid planning: common knowledge, key elements, collaborative authorship – Chair: **Antonella Battaglini**, ED, RGI
Impulse: Ivan Scrase, Senior Climate Change Officer, RSPB
2. Permitting legislation while keeping robust Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA): strategic alliances, political agenda, stakeholder engagement – Chair: **Tor Inge Akselsen**, Director of Communications, Statnett
Impulse: Daniel Fürstenwerth, RGI

14h50 Reports from break out groups to plenary & discussion

15h30 *Coffee break*

PART VI Panel Discussion – How to Maximise Environmental Benefits of Grid Development?

16h00 *Followed by a discussion & development of action points for RGI and its members*

*Chair: **Susan Deacon**, Chairperson Scottish Power Renewables*

17h30 *Closing remarks & Get together*

***Antonella Battaglini**, Executive Director, RGI*

19h00 *RGI Dinner at Hilton Glasgow Hotel*

Friday 17 June 2011

09h00 *Visit to Whitelee Windfarm, ends at 14h30 in Glasgow*

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By 10 June 2011

Registration to the RGI Workshop on:

Environmental Impacts of Grids

16-17 June 2011 in Glasgow

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- I would like to register for both days of the RGI Environment Workshop on 16-17 June 2011, including the RGI Dinner on Day 1 and the visit of Whitelee Windfarm on Day 2.
- I would like to register for Day 1 on 16 June 2011 only including the RGI Dinner.
- I would like to register only for the RGI workshop on 16 June 2011.

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