

Dario Tamburrano, full ITRE member and MEP, cordially invites you to



**Breakfast meeting:**

**Connecting consumers to smart heating:**

**Benefitting consumers, the grid and EU climate and energy policies**

with EHI, the association of the European Heating Industry

Members' Salon of the European Parliament, Brussels

Smart heating? **What is it?**

How does smart heating **benefit consumers?**

Does smart heating **promote energy efficiency in buildings?**

**Sector-coupling?** How can a smarter heating sector benefit the grid?

The digital revolution has changed many industries beyond recognition and has done so very quickly. ICT technologies will leave no sector untouched, including the energy sector. The heating sector will be no exception.

At the same time, the energy and heating are also in the process of decarbonization, an equally revolutionary development.

Rather than complicating matters, digital technologies will help to deliver on the decarbonization challenge. Smart technologies offer an opportunity for previously disparate sectors like buildings, industry, power and transport to help each other out.

However, none of this will happen without consumers' buy-in. Smart heating needs to offer them tangible benefits.

The Clean Energy Package will promote smart technologies in the building sector. A Smart Readiness Indicator for buildings will be introduced in 2021. Ecodesign and Energy Labelling measures on smart appliances and Building Automation & Control Systems are planned.

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Please **register for this breakfast meeting** by sending an email to [Elisabeth.Guibert@ehi.eu](mailto:Elisabeth.Guibert@ehi.eu) by Tuesday 27 November 2018.

Please indicate in the email **if you need accreditation** to access the European Parliament.

Since the room has a limited capacity, we may not be able to guarantee a seat for all interested stakeholders. We will send you a final confirmation of your attendance, prior to the event

The European heating industry is ready to bring the digital revolution to European buildings. Smart heating will make it happen. Imagine your heater talking with you, with your installer and your energy company. And all of it managed by an intelligent control in your home. EHI would like to host an event that showcases smart heating technologies and the benefits that smart heating can bring to the consumer, the grid and the EU's climate and energy policies more generally.

MEP Dario Tamburrano (EFDD) cordially invites you to:

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**Programme**

**Breakfast event**

TUESDAY, 4 December 2018 (8:00-9:30)

Venue: European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli building, Brussels – Members Salon

- 7:45 Arrival and registration.
- 8:00 Welcome and introduction by MEP Tamburrano.
- 8:10 Federica Sabbati, Secretary General of the Association of the European Heating Industry: Introduction of EHI and of the industry speakers.
- 8:15 Timo Roemer (Vice President Digital Products – Viessmann Group) “Digitalisation and heating: technologies and opportunities” – focus on demand side flexibility
- 8:25 Miriam Asbeck (Vice President Sales Digital Solutions, Bosch Thermotechnology) “What can smart heating do for the consumer?”
- 8:35 Response from European Commission Sylvain Robert, Policy officer at the European Commission, DG Energy: The role of ‘smart’ technologies in the EU climate and energy policy
- 8:45 Discussion with participants.
- 9:15 Concluding remarks by MEP Tamburrano

## Short biography of the speakers

**Dario Tamburrano** was elected in 2014 to the European Parliament with the Five Star Movement and sits in the in the Europe group of Freedom and Direct Democracy (EFDD). While he has academic background and professional experience in dentistry, Mr Tamburrano has always been engaged in environmental issues. As environmental activist, he was one of the first members of Five Star Movement, already in 2005.

**Miriam Asbeck** has been Vice President Sales Digital Solutions in Bosch Thermotechnology since 2016. In that capacity, she is responsible for the digitalization of all sales processes and the introduction of connectivity-based tools and services. She also oversees the Internet of Things strategy of Bosch Thermotechnology. She holds an engineering degree - specialisation architecture - of the University of Applied Sciences, Frankfurt/Main and an MBA from the Technical University Munich.

**Timo Römer** is VP Digital Products of the Viessmann Group. In his position he is responsible for digital products and services driving the digitalization of the Group. Prior to joining Viessmann in December 2017, he served as Product Manager and Product Owner of various companies such as Fyber GmbH or Blacklane GmbH and founded ECRS, a web app for traveller rights in 2013. Timo studied business administration in Berlin and Bangalore.

**Sylvain Robert** is policy officer in the Directorate-General Energy of the European Commission and is part of the buildings team inside the Energy Efficiency unit. He is in charge of the Smart Readiness Indicator for Buildings, one of the main innovations in the revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive

**Federica Sabbati** has been Secretary General of the European Heating Industry (EHI) since 2012. EHI brings together companies that are leaders in the production of efficient heating systems. She has been working in an international political and business environment for almost 20 years, in Brussels and London. Federica holds degrees from the University of Trieste (Gorizia base) and the London School of Economics.