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# DIGITALEUROPE launches its Energy Executive Council

To bridge the gap between business and policy expertise and to advance the much-needed digital transformation of the energy industry, DIGITALEUROPE has launched its Energy Executive Council. The Council – comprising 11 senior executives from leading energy and green technology companies – is committed to boosting the competitiveness of the EU's traditional energy-intensive industries and emerging clean technology sectors.

**Cecilia Bonefeld-Dahl, Director-General of DIGITALEUROPE, explains why this Council is so important:**

*“This Council is launching at a critical moment. Europe must urgently cut its CO2 emissions, lower energy costs for its citizens, and strengthen energy security. Energy prices in the EU are 2.5x higher than in the US and in 2023 alone, over 200 cyber incidents related to the energy grid were reported. With the European Commission’s Clean Industrial Deal and Affordable Energy Action Plan presented earlier this year, the time to act is **now**.*

*By bringing together senior leaders from the energy, green tech and digital sectors, this Council will inject much-needed industry expertise and real-world solutions and insights into Europe’s energy policy debate.*

*Energy technologies are listed by the EU as a critical technology for Europe’s economy security and it is time to recognise and realise that Europe’s energy transition depends on digital. This Council will ensure that innovation drives a more secure, sustainable, and competitive future”.*

## About the Energy Executive Council

The Energy Executive Council is one of four Executive Councils at DIGITALEUROPE, alongside our Defence, Health and Finance Executive Councils.

Bringing together senior leaders from across the digital and energy ecosystems, including industrial and energy technology leaders, IT companies and energy providers - all driving digital innovation — the Council reflects the diversity of the European and global energy and green technology sectors.

With companies at the forefront of decarbonisation, smart energy solutions, and digital transformation, the Council leverages its business expertise to

provide concrete examples and actionable insights needed to support the policy dialogue on Europe's clean energy future.

## Members of DIGITALEUROPE's Energy Executive Council



**Peter Weckesser Chief Digital Officer, Schneider Electric**

*"The Energy Executive Council is poised to shape Europe's energy landscape and lead the way towards a digital, electric, and sustainable future. At Schneider Electric, we believe that insights from top industry leaders can inspire European policy towards greater innovation, enhanced resilience, and to accelerate the shift to a carbon-neutral European economy."*



**Sabine Erlinghagen, CEO of Grid Software, Siemens**

*"Digitalization is essential for the EU's energy security and transition towards cleaner industrial practices. By joining forces, the Energy Executive Council can provide a platform to inspire policy makers, share best practices and accelerate sustainable growth. Driven by the motto "Technology with purpose", we are convinced that harnessing cutting-edge technologies and digital solutions will unlock new opportunities for growth while building a greener, more prosperous future for all."*



**Alexandros Paterakis, Deputy CEO – Executive Board Members of Digital & Advanced Services, PPC Group**

*"Joining forces through the Energy Executive Council is essential to driving collaboration and innovation across Europe's energy ecosystem. At PPC, digitalization isn't just a strategy—it's a catalyst for efficiency, resilience, and customer empowerment in this ever-evolving landscape. Technology fuels the Clean Industrial Plan, powering smarter energy management, accelerating renewables, and enabling large-scale decarbonization. By harnessing these advancements, we can make European industries more competitive, sustainable, and ready to lead the global energy transition."*



**Juha Pankakoski, Executive VP, Global Functions, Siemens Energy**

*"Being part of this Council allows us to collaboratively drive innovation and leverage technology to advance the Clean Industrial Deal, ensuring a sustainable future for our industries and communities."*



**Markus Bechmann, VP for Digital Energy Solutions, SAP**

*“The launch of DIGITALEUROPE’s Energy Executive Council is a pivotal step for our industry. At SAP, we are proud to bring our expertise in digital innovation to accelerate sustainable energy transitions. Through this council, we will collaborate with industry leaders to drive the adoption of digital solutions that enable greener, more resilient energy systems.”*



**Eoin Doherty, Vice President, EMEA Regional Leaders, Cloud Operations & Innovation, Microsoft**

*“I am excited to join Digital Europe’s Energy Executive Council. This platform will be instrumental in advancing the industry’s shared ambitions to ensure energy security across Europe. By leveraging the capabilities of the digital sector, we can build robust digital infrastructure that supports and enhances our energy systems.”*



**Maud Texier, Director for EMEA Energy, Google**

*“I’m excited to be part of the Energy Executive Council of DIGITALEUROPE. Digital adoption, paired with AI, can boost Europe’s economic competitiveness and advance its decarbonization goals. The Clean Industrial Deal and Affordable Energy Action Plan can provide the momentum to accelerate the digital and green transitions, and enable the development of sustainable digital infrastructure by supporting the deployment of carbon-free energy at all times.”*



**Thierry Mortier, Global Digital and Innovation Lead for Energy, EY**

*“Europe’s energy-intensive industries and emerging clean tech sectors face a defining moment. By embedding digital at the heart of energy policy, we can unlock efficiencies, improve resilience, and accelerate decarbonization. I am excited to collaborate with fellow leaders in DIGITALEUROPE’s Energy Executive Council to help shape the path forward.”*



**Katie McGinty, VP and Chief Sustainability and External Relations Officer, Johnson Controls**

*“A powerful combination of digitalization, electrification and efficiency are poised to drive substantial reductions in energy use in buildings and—with that—deliver big wins in operating costs, energy security and the climate. Johnson*



*Controls is honored to work with DIGITALEUROPE to spotlight the power of smart, connected buildings to bolster European competitiveness, technology leadership, and climate stewardship.”*



**Andrea Voigt, Vice President,  
Global Public Affairs,  
Sustainability and  
Communications, Danfoss  
Climate Solutions**

*“Energy efficiency technologies offer a major opportunity to save energy and cost, while contributing to resilience and competitiveness. We join the Energy Council to raise awareness about this massive potential, how AI can act as an enabler and how we can take an integrated approach to the energy system, for example by harnessing the waste heat from data centres.”*

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