

Autumn General Meeting 2025: Advancing Europe's Energy Security and Sustainability

UPEI, the voice of Europe's independent energy and mobility suppliers, gathered in Mechelen, Belgium, for its Autumn General Meeting from 19 to 21 November 2025. The event brought together UPEI members and business partners to discuss ongoing developments in Europe's energy sector, focusing on security of supply, policy updates, and the transition towards a more resilient energy system.



The meeting provided a platform for open dialogue on the pressing challenges and opportunities in the current energy landscape, as Europe continues to respond to market volatility, climate commitments, and evolving regulatory frameworks. It included presentations on topics such as *"soil remediation by the energy distribution sector in Belgium"* by **Johan Mattart**, Director General, BRAFCO, and *"the challenges posed by EU energy and climate policies"* by **Philippe Lamberts**, Principal Adviser to the President of the European Commission. These insights provided a foundation for in-depth roundtable debates using the *"World Café"* methodology, allowing participants to exchange experiences and explore collaborative solutions.

Strengthening Energy Security and Market Resilience

Participants explored key developments in EU energy policy and the role of independent energy suppliers in ensuring the availability of energy products where they are most needed. The discussions highlighted practical approaches to managing sudden supply fluctuations, addressing infrastructure deficiencies, and meeting essential service requirements.

Looking Ahead

UPEI President, **Johan Deleu**, remarked: *"The Mechelen meeting highlighted the importance of proactive dialogue, including with the European Commission, and collaboration in strengthening Europe's energy security. By sharing experiences and strategies, we are better equipped to ensure reliable supply, support policy development, and contribute to a sustainable and resilient energy market."*

The Autumn General Meeting 2025 concluded with a reaffirmation of UPEI's priorities: to support secure and sustainable energy systems and the energy transition, amplify the voice of independents, and continue building strong partnerships with policymakers and industry actors across Europe.

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UPEI represents nearly 2,000 European importers and wholesale/retail distributors of energy for the transport and heating sectors, supplying Europe's customers independently of the major energy producers. They are the interface between producers and consumers, using their own infrastructure and flexibility to supply existing demand for conventional and renewable liquid fuels, as well as non-liquid alternatives as part of the energy transition. They cover more than a third of Europe's current demand. The organisation brings together national associations and suppliers across Europe. Independent fuel suppliers bring competition to Europe's energy market and are able to respond rapidly to changes affecting supply, contributing to security on a local, national and regional level. They have developed and maintain a comprehensive infrastructure for the sourcing, storage and distribution of transport and heating fuels, with a commitment to delivering a high-quality service to all consumers, including those in remote areas.