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Dirty gas in Europe:

How fracking for shale gas is not a solution for the EU's low-carbon energy needs

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15.00 – 16.00

15.00 – 15.10: Introductory remarks MEP Sabine Wils (GUE) – shadow rapporteur for the Parliament's own-initiative report "on the environmental impacts of shale gas and shale oil extraction activities"

15.10 – 15.25: Presentation on the carbon footprint of shale gas: Prof. Dr. Anthony Ingraffea, Cornell University

15.25 – 15.40: Presentation on the impacts of and local resistance against fracking in the United States: Wenonah Hauter, Executive Director - Food & Water Watch / Europe

15.40 – 15.55: Q&A

15.55 – 16.05: Concluding remarks by MEP Corinne Lepage (ALDE) - shadow rapporteur for the Parliament's own-initiative report "on the environmental impacts of shale gas and shale oil extraction activities"

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Biographies of speakers

Professor Anthony Ingraffea holds the DC Baum Professorship of Engineering in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Cornell University, New York. Dr. Ingraffea's research concentrates on computer simulation and physical testing of complex fracturing processes and has authored more than 200 papers in this area. He heads the Cornell Fracture group, which develops computational simulation systems for fracture control in engineered systems, Professor Ingraffea has won numerous teaching and research awards. He is a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Professor Ingraffea has engaged in extensive outreach to educate the public, policy makers, and regulators on technical issues related to unconventional development of natural gas.

Wenonah Hauter is the Executive Director of Food & Water Watch & Food & Water Europe. She has worked extensively on food, water, energy, and environmental issues at the national, state and local level in the United States. In her career, she has worked for the Union of Concerned Scientists and Citizen Action. And she was Director of the Energy and Environment Program of the American advocacy organisation Public Citizen. She is an accomplished organizer, having lobbied and developed grassroots field strategy and action plans across the United States and internationally.