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## **Towards the end of oil**

### **Conference and presentation of a study**

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Peak Oil is the period of time when global oil production starts to decline due to the depletion of the exploitable resources.

The increase in oil price for the last 10 years and even more has had an increasing impact on our economy, which is extremely dependent on oil, and consequently on the daily life of European citizens.

The first part of the conference will present the report "Europe facing Peak Oil" and will address the geopolitical, economic and anthropological dimensions of the question. In the second part, the speakers

will address the various political responses that could be given at local and European level.

## **PROGRAMME**

### ***1st roundtable : Peak oil and its consequences for Europe***

*14:15-16:00*

- **Introduction**  
**Claude Turmes**, Member of the European Parliament (Luxembourg)
- **Presentation of the report "Europe facing peak oil"**  
by **Benoît Thévard**, engineer, author of the report
- **Mathieu Auzanneau**, journalist in *Le Monde*  
*A geopolitical analysis*
- **Victoria Johnson**, economist, *New Economic Foundation*  
*An economic analysis*
- **Agnès Sinaï**, journalist, chair of the *Institut Momentum*  
*An anthropologic vision*

### ***2nd roundtable : Which responses to be given at the European and local level to peak oil ?***

*16:00-17:30*

- **John Hemming**, Member of the House of Commons (United Kingdom), Chair of the parliamentary group on peak oil  
*The British responses*
- **Zsolt Tasnadi**, Policy officer for Security of oil supply and oil stocks, European Commission, DG Energy
- **Simone Osborn**, Editor in chief of *Energy Bulletin*  
*The local initiatives*
- **Xavier Desgain**, Member of Regional Parliament (Belgium), member of the parliamentary Committee on peak oil and peak gas in the Walloon Parliament
- **Yves Cochet**, Member of the European Parliament (France)  
*The projects of the European Union*

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