

[en](#)

[Event](#) | 05.09.2013

## Unfracked

### Watch the recorded livestream

- [Watch the recorded Livestream of the conference here](#)



On the eve of the conference, we will also hosted a special screening of [GASLAND: PART II](#) with

**Director Josh Fox**

Wednesday 4th September 2013 18:00-21:00

Room A1G3, European Parliament, Brussels

#### *NOTE:*

*This public conference by the Greens/EFA group was fully interpreted by [International Sign](#) (IS) interpreters as well as Live Speech to Text in the room on the livestream*

There are several myths circulating about the extraction of shale gas, coal bed methane and other unconventional fossils, through different methods, notably hydraulic fracturing. These include: - that the extraction of such fuels will bring prosperity to Europe - that we can replicate the economic boom of the US, without repeating their environmental mistakes - that shale gas and other UFFs are necessary transition fuels - that they are good for the climate - that we do not need any extra legislation in Europe to regulate these technologies - that the risks to public health are minimal. These are just some of the many myths which will be discussed and debunked during the Greens/EFA Group's morning conference on unconventional fossil fuel extraction, alongside in-depth discussion of the legislative framework, and

examples of "fracking-free" campaigns in Europe and the US. Speakers include researchers, academics, campaigners, economists, activists, NGOs, engineers and other stakeholders in this debate. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and debate from the floor.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

- [Transcript: Speech to Text interpretation \(odt\)](#)
- [Presentation by Geert Ritsema \(ppt\)](#)
- [Presentation by John Armstrong \(pptx\)](#)
- [Presentation by Gabrielle Petron \(pptx\)](#)
- [Presentation by Mike Hill \(ppt\)](#)
- [Visit the Stop Climate Change campaign site for "Why Ban Fracking and Shale Gas?" & "A Frackivist's introduction to EU legislation" leaflets in multiple languages](#)

9:15-11:00

**Part 1: Fracking-free zones and the legislative framework** Welcome and introduction by **José Bové** MEP Presentation and Q&A of *case study of fracking-free zones in Netherlands*

**Geert Ritsema**, Campaign coordinator Friends of the Earth, Netherlands Presentation from *US Frack Action campaign*

**John Armstrong** Presentations from the floor Presentation on *European legislative framework*

**Helène Bras**, lawyer, France *Questions & Answers / open debate 11:00-12:45*

**Part 2: Top myths about shale gas explained** Introduction and moderation by **Carl Schlyter** MEP *Shale gas extraction is good for the climate*

**Gabrielle Petron**, University of Colorado Q&A *The existing legislative framework is adequate*

**Mike Hill**, oil & gas engineer, UK Q&A *Short contribution from DG Environment* Q&A *Shale gas is good for the economy*

**Thomas Porcher**, economist, France Q&A *Shale gas poses minimal risk to public health*

**Sandra Steingraber** (via skype) Further questions/open debate *Presentation of Greens/EFA materials and conclusions*

by **Sandrine Bélier** MEP

## Recommended

Press release

vitali-adutskevich-unsplash



[Russian gas phase-out/RePowerEU: Parliament and Council...](#)

03.12.2025

News

Robert Emperley (CC BY-SA 2.0)



## [PLENARY FLASH : Greens/EFA Priorities 24 to 27 Novembe...](#)

25.11.2025

Press release

karsten-wurth-unsplash



## [European Parliament adopts climate target for 2040 – d...](#)

13.11.2025

Press release

american-public-power-association-unsplash



[Omnibus I: EU sustainability and Due diligence legisla...](#)

13.11.2025

**Responsible MEPs**



José Bové

Member

#### **Attached documents**

[Shale gas leaflet EN](#)

**Please share**

[.E-Mail](#)

