

**Session 4:**  
**EURELECTRIC Student Award – brief introduction, Johannes Teyssen**  
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Let me now move on to the **EURELECTRIC Student Award**.

In keeping with tradition over the past years, a student essay competition forms an integral part of EURELECTRIC's annual conference programme and is open to students from all EURELECTRIC member countries. Participating students submit a one-page essay which is judged, taking account of a number of objective criteria. This year's theme for the Student Award is entitled: **"How can the EU ensure an affordable and secure supply of electricity in the new energy system?"**

Reading and judging these entries was the difficult task of one man - Bill Kyte, former Senior Advisor at E.ON on Climate Change - whom I will invite up on stage in a minute. But before this, I would first like to underline the importance of giving students a real chance to be heard in front a distinguished audience like yourself. Students are the industry's future and infuse new perspectives and energy into our sector. They are not afraid to experiment with new ideas or solutions to our industry's most pressing challenges. They strive to be heard – and we should listen to them!

Our young nominee has put forward a convincing holistic case by analyzing how to push new technologies into the market and how to prioritize development of young professionals and how to use public instruments to reduce risks and leverage private investment.

So without any further ado, I now give the floor to Bill Kyte to present the winner of the EURELECTRIC Student Award. Bill is a chemical engineer and has worked in the electricity sector in numerous roles for over 50 years and has been a towering figure in international and European climate change discussions.

Bill, the floor is yours....