

Summary SDGs event on SDG7, November 7th, 2019

This event is the sixth of a series of conferences on the SDGs organized by Fair Impact in which industry meets investors.



The theme of the afternoon Financing the Energy Transition gave a lot of the interaction with the audience.



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Take away points in the panel debate at the end:

- Grid operators are not allowed by law to purchase batteries for stabilizing the grid fluctuations caused by solar and wind energy. Legislation to change this situation is needed urgently.
- Daily fluctuations in energy usage and even more seasonal fluctuations in energy usage are going to cause problems with fluctuations in energy delivery by renewable energy sources.
- Our energy usage is increasing at a vast rate, predictions about the grid capacity are gloomy. If no longer gas is used to heat our houses in the Netherlands by 2030 our grid needs to be expanded exponentially.
- How much data do we need in the cloud? Big energy-guzzling datacentres are being built in Holland.
- Could car batteries be of use as a storage source for other purposes?
- We are flushing away a lot of energy in our toilets. Would our Dutch sewer system be sustainable eventually?



Drinks in the rooftop bar