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The Energy Union Conference

Friday, 6 February

**Please note that Latvian time is one hour ahead of Brussels time*

The press conference on 6 February has been cancelled, nevertheless media will be given the opportunity to participate in the conference, as well as watch discussions online on www.eu2015.lv.

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08:00 Media Centre opens

08:50 – 09:10 Arrival of ministerial delegations
Welcome by the Minister for Economics Ms Dana Reizniece-Ozola
Photo and video opportunity

Opening of the conference

09:10 – 09:35 Opening speech by the Minister for Economics Ms Dana Reizniece-Ozola
Keynote speech by the EC Vice-President Mr Maroš Šefčovič
Address by the Chair of the ITRE Committee in the European Parliament Mr Jerzy Buzek (video message)

Broader landscape for the European Energy Union

09:35 – 10:50 *Moderators: Jurijs Spiridonovs, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Economics of Latvia & Dominique Ristori, Director-General for Energy, European Commission*
Address by the Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, Mr Miguel Arias Cañete
Maria van der Hoeven, Executive Director, International Energy Agency (IEA)
Tord Lien, Minister, Ministry of Petroleum and Energy, Norway
Robin Dunnigan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Diplomacy
Jean-Arnold Vinois on behalf of Jacques Delors Institute/Notre Europe
Bernadette Ségol, General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
Sanjoy Rajan, Head of the Networks and Conventional Power Division within the Projects Directorate, European Investment Bank (EIB)
Followed by discussion

10:50 – 11:05 Family photo
Photo and video opportunity

The Five Dimensions of the European Energy Union

11:15 – 12:00 *Moderator: Christopher Jones –Deputy Director General for Energy, European Commission*
I Supply security based on solidarity and trust

Krišjānis Kariņš, European Parliament, ITRE

Sandrine Dixson-Declève, Director of The Prince of Wales's Corporate Leaders Group and Executive Director of the Green Growth Platform

Gertjan Lankhorst, President, EUROGAS

Urban Rusnák, Secretary General, Energy Charter

Followed by discussion

12:00 – 13:00

Moderator: Christopher Jones – Deputy Director General for Energy, European Commission

II A competitive and completed internal energy market

Bente Hagem, Vice-Chairperson of the ENTSO-E Board

Oluf Ulseth, Chair of the Energy Policy and Generation Committee at Eurelectric, CEO of Energi Norge

Alberto Pototschnig – Director, ACER

Elmar Thyen, Chair of the CEEP Energy Task Force (The European Centre of Employers and Enterprises providing Public Services)

Monique Goyens, Director-General, BEUC

Followed by discussion

The Five Dimensions of the European Energy Union (continued)

14:30 – 15:40

Moderator: Gerassimos Thomas – Deputy Director General for Energy, European Commission

III Moderation of energy demand

Monica Frassoni – President, EU Alliance to save energy (EU-ASE)

Paul Voss - Managing Director, Euroheat & Power

Wendel Trio, Director, Climate Action Network Europe

IV Decarbonisation of the EU energy mix

Kristian Ruby, Principal Political Adviser, European Wind Energy Association (EWEA)

Oliver Schaefer – President, European Photovoltaic Industry Association

Jean-Pol Poncelet – FORATOM

Followed by discussion

15:40 – 16:20

Moderator: Gerassimos Thomas – Deputy Director General for Energy, European Commission

V Research and innovation

Stephan Brandligt, Deputy-Mayor of Delft (NL), Board Member of Energy Cities and Signatory of the Covenant of Mayors

Marianne Haug – Professor Energy Policy and Sustainable Development, University of Hohenheim

Graeme Sweeney, Chairman, Zero Emissions Platform (ZEP)

Followed by discussion

- 16:20 - 16:25 Summarising remarks by Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission for Energy Union
- 16:25 – 16:35 Conclusions by Dana Reizniece-Ozola, Minister for Economics
- 18:00 Media Centre closes