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“Opportunities and challenges of the European Energy Union – Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Latvia”

Red Room, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11
Tuesday, 5 April 2016, 14:30 – 17:45

Working languages: Latvian and English, simultaneous interpretation provided

PROGRAMME

14:30 – 15:30 The influence of the European Energy Union on the development of a sustainable and secure energy market in Latvia
Chair: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

- Welcome and opening speech
  Edvards Smiltēns, MP, rapporteur on Energy Efficiency Law, member of the Economic Affairs Committee and European Affairs Committee of the Saeima

- Energy independence and sustainable development as political priorities of the EU
  Roberts Zīle, Member of the European Parliament

- The Latvian quest for affordable and clean energy in line with more security of supply
  Rota Šņuka, Deputy Secretary of State for Energy at the Latvian Ministry for Economy

- The role of European legislation for Latvia’s energy transition
  Ruta Baltause, Policy Officer DG Energy, Renewables and CCS Policy, European Commission

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15:45 – 17:15 Energy Efficiency and Renewable energy – the Road to Energy Independence
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- Growth and innovation in the energy efficiency sector as engines of the Latvian economy
  Aija Timofejeva, Director, Department of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Latvian Ministry of Economy

- Latvia’s untapped potential: Energy Efficiency in the buildings sector
  Nicholas Stancioff, Co-Director, Housing and Energy Conservation Bureau

- Are there limits for energy efficiency improvements in industry
  Dagnija Blumberga, professor, Riga Technical University

- Perspectives of further deployment of renewable energy technologies in Latvia
  Edgars Vīgants, Member of Council, Latvian Bioenergy Association

- Political aspects of Latvian energy transition
  Einārs Cilinskis, Member of the Latvian Parliament

17:15 – 17:45 Questions and debate with MPs, representative of the Commission and stakeholders

* Confirmation pending