

## **WORKSHOP**

Organised in cooperation with the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

### ***“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





ENERGY EFFICIENCY WATCH

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee



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break



## 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

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