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Exma. Senhora
Dr. Maria da Assunção Esteves
Presidente da Assembleia da República
Palácio de São Bento
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Excelentíssima Senhora Presidente, cara colega,

As reuniões de comissões parlamentares, organizadas conjuntamente pelo Parlamento Europeu e pelo Parlamento do Estado-Membro que exerce a Presidência do Conselho da União Europeia, constituem uma expressão importante da cooperação interparlamentar no seio da UE. Fazem parte integrante da vida democrática da União Europeia e fomentam a troca de pontos de vista entre os Parlamentos nacionais sobre as iniciativas políticas e legislativas da União, no quadro instituído pelo Tratado de Lisboa.

No âmbito da dimensão parlamentar da Presidência lituana do Conselho da União Europeia, o Parlamento Europeu e o *Seimas* da República da Lituânia decidiram organizar, no dia 17 de Dezembro de 2013, em Bruxelas, uma reunião conjunta de comissões subordinada ao tema «*O mercado interno da energia da UE no século XXI*».

Enviamos, em anexo, um convite dos presidentes da Comissão dos Assuntos Económicos do *Seimas* da República da Lituânia e da Comissão da Indústria, da Investigação e da Energia (ITRE) do Parlamento Europeu, que coorganizarão a reunião conjunta proposta e copresidirão à mesma.

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Muito agradeceríamos que V. Exa. transmitisse o convite dos presidentes das nossas comissões parlamentares à(s) comissões competente(s) do Parlamento a que preside.

Muito agradeço antecipadamente todo o apoio que V. Exa. possa prestar a esta iniciativa conjunta.

Aproveito a oportunidade para reiterar a Vossa Excelência os protestos da minha mais elevada consideração.

Martin Schulz
Presidente do

Parlamento Europeu

Loreta Graužinienė

Presidente do Seimas da República da Lituânia

Anexo



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To the Chair of the Committee concerned

Dear Colleague,

In the framework of the parliamentary dimension of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union we are pleased to inform you that the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) of the European Parliament and the Committee on Economics of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania are organising a Joint Committee Meeting on "The EU Internal Energy Market for the 21st Century" with the participation of Members from National Parliaments on Tuesday, 17 December 2013, from 10.00 to 17.30, in the premises of the European Parliament in Brussels.

Europe's energy policy is facing several challenges today. We have to ensure affordable and secure supplies for both European consumers and industry while at the same time reducing our carbon emissions. To achieve these goals the EU will need an internal energy market that operates efficiently, which is not the case yet. Investments in the energy sector are lacking, energy prices remain relatively high while economically rational investments in energy efficiency are not being made. To bring about a transition to a low-carbon economy and ensure affordable and secure energy supplies more attention needs to be given to further opening up of the EU's internal energy market, improvement of competition and full integration of Europe's energy networks and systems.

It is thus our pleasure to invite up to four Members from the relevant Committees of your Parliament (two from each chamber for bicameral National Parliaments) to participate in the Joint Committee Meeting and up to two accompanying civil servants. The Parliaments of the European Union candidate countries and EFTA members are invited to send up to two members as observers and one accompanying civil servant.

Please find enclosed the draft programme. The final programme and more detailed practical information about the meeting will be shortly forwarded to your Parliament's staff, responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

We sincerely hope that you will accept our invitation and look forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

Amalia Sartori

Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) of the European Parliament Remigijus Žemaitaitis

Chair of the Committee on Economics of the *Seimas* of the Republic of Lithuania

Enclosure





DRAFT AGENDA

Joint Committee Meeting

European Parliament - National Parliaments

The EU Internal Energy Market for the 21st Century

Tuesday, 17 December 2013, 10.15 - 17.30

European Parliament, Brussels

Room József Antall (JAN) 2Q2

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The main questions that will be discussed at the meeting are the following: What are the achievements and perspectives of the European energy policy? What are the best ways to make the EU's internal energy market fit for current and future challenges? What will be the major steps for the European energy policy to foster sustainable growth and competitiveness?

09h45-10h15 Arrival and registration of participants at the reception desk of the Altiero Spinelli Building (Place du Luxembourg entrance)

10h15-10h30 Welcome address by Ms Amalia Sartori, Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy of the European Parliament, and Mr Remigijus Žemaitaitis, Chair of the Committee on Economics of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Session I - European Energy Policy - Challenges, Achievements and Perspectives

10h30-11h15 Keynote speeches

• Mr Günther Oettinger, Member of the European Commission in charge of Energy (t.b.c.)

European Energy Policy - Main Goals for the Future

- Mr Jerzy Buzek, Member of the European Parliament
 Making the internal energy market work
- Mr Jaroslav Neverovič, Minister of Energy, Lithuania

 Integration of Europe's energy systems

11h15-12h30 Discussion

13h00-14h30 Seated lunch reception (by invitation only)

Session II - A European energy policy for sustainable growth and competitiveness

15h00-16h00 Keynote speeches:

• **Mr Antonio Tajani**, Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of Industry and Entrepreneurship (**t.b.c.**)

Safe and affordable energy resources for a competitive industry

• Mr Kornelis Blok, Professor, University of Utrecht

Renewable energy sources and sustainable energy balances

• Mr Randall Bowie, Director, Board of Directors, European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy

Energy Efficiency – the shale gas of Europe

• Mr Markus Beyrer, Director General of BusinessEurope (t.b.c.)

European business views on the future of EU energy policy

16h00-17h30 Discussion

Concluding remarks by Ms Amalia Sartori, Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy of the European Parliament, and Mr Remigijus Žemaitaitis, Chair of the Committee on Economics of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania.