



THE DANISH EU PRESIDENCY 2012

ENERGY AGENDA

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GENERAL PRESIDENCY PRIORITIES

“EUROPE AT WORK”

Priorities of the Danish Presidency:

1. A **responsible** Europe (make Europe more economically responsible; new rules on economic governance and negotiations on Multiannual Financial Framework)
2. A **dynamic** Europe (help stimulate long-term growth and job creation; follow-up on the Single Market package)
3. A **green** Europe (promote a green Europe; emphasis on further greening of European economies and promoting green growth to be sustainable in the long run)
4. A **safe** Europe (promote a safe Europe – both internally and externally; well functioning Schengen cooperation and stronger common European asylum system)

ENERGY PRIORITIES

TRANSITION TO A GREEN EUROPE

Green growth part of the solution to the economic crisis – a way to strengthen EU's competitiveness and enhance security of supply:

- **Energy Efficiency Directive** – objective to conclude negotiations with the European Parliament. Important with an ambitious result, which closes the gap to the 20 % target in 2020 and leaves room for flexibility for Member States.
- **Connecting Europe – Regulation on Guidelines for Energy Infrastructure** – objective to progress negotiations while focusing more on chapter II. Progress report for Council in June. **Regulation on Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)** – Budget Working Party responsible for negotiations and close coordination with sector groups.
- **Council conclusions on Energy Roadmap 2050** – objective to give time for thorough analysis with a view to negotiate Council conclusions for Council in June as set out in doc. 18582/11. Design of next steps for a decarbonised, competitive and secure EU energy system with possible milestones on the road to 2050. Main topic for Informal Energy Ministerial in April.

OTHER ENERGY TOPICS ON THE AGENDA

- **Decision on setting up an information exchange mechanism with regard to intergovernmental agreements** – objective to conclude negotiations with the European Parliament.
- **Regulation on safety of offshore oil and gas activities** – objective to progress on the groundwork for the negotiations and present progress report for Council in June.
- **New Energy Star agreement with the US** – objective to conclude the agreement with the US and negotiate the corresponding Regulation with the European Parliament.
- **Europe 2020 Strategy, European Semester** – AGS, contribution from Energy Council in February to European Council on 1-2 March as set out in doc. 18456/11.
- **Communication on a Strategy for Renewable Energy** – presentation and orientation debate.
- **Follow up to communication on external energy dimension** – objective to negotiate mandates and agreements with third countries and ensure adequate and timely information of the Council on international events and developments.

COUNCIL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

European Parliament hearing:

- 25 January 2012

Energy Council Meetings: provisional agendas set out in doc. 18911/11

- 14 February 2012 (Brussels)
- 15 June 2012 (Luxembourg)

Informal Energy Ministerial Meeting:

- 19-20 April 2012 (Horsens, Denmark)

EU Energy Director-Generals' Meeting:

- 7 February 2012 as follow up to "Energy Roadmap 2050" conference (Brussels)
- 15-16 May 2012 (Copenhagen, Denmark)

High-level stakeholder conference on the "Energy Roadmap 2050":

- 7 February 2012 (Brussels)

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