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THE LITHUANIAN PRESIDENCY – WORK PROGRAMME

The Lithuanian Presidency, that took over the Presidency from 1 July to 31 December 2013, will focus its work on the completion of the EU internal energy market by 2014 and will be fully committed to facilitating discussions on the 2030 framework for EU climate and energy policies.

Priorities set by the Lithuanian Presidency will be the topic in the agenda of the Informal Ministerial meeting on 19-20 September and in the Energy Council on 12 December in Brussels.

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ENERGY COUNCIL MEETING – CONCLUSIONS

The Energy Council took place on 6 and 7 June in Luxembourg. The Council adopted conclusions of the European Commission communication “Making the internal market work”. The implementation of these conclusions will be reviewed by the end of 2014.

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Ministers also had a policy debate on the European Commission communication on “Energy Technologies and Innovation” adopted on 2d May. The debate held a reflection on priorities for research, development and innovation in energy till 2020 and beyond.

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BROADBAND REGULATION : STATE OF PLAY

The European Commission has adopted on 27 March 2013 a regulation on measures to reduce the cost of deploying high-speed electronic communications networks. On 6 June, the Energy Council discussed a progress report which outlines the state of play

and identifies a number of issues requiring further discussions. The consideration of the draft report of the rapporteur Edit Herczog (S&D) is foreseen on 18 September. The vote in ITRE committee is expected on 28 November 2013.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT – DEPLOYMENT OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS INFRASTRUCTURE

The proposal for a directive on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure sets out to create incentives and send signal for investments in the development and deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure, in order to facilitate new market entrants and increase competition. Measures to ensure the availability of powering new vehicles, must be envisaged, but intervening in the market

comes at a certain cost for governments and consumers. CEDEC as representative of local public utilities intends to play a central role in the development of alternative fuel infrastructure and has written a position to express its view on this topic. The deadline for tabling amendments in ITRE Committee is foreseen on 4 September, and the vote is following on 26 September. The final vote in plenary session is foreseen in February 2014.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - CONCESSIONS DIRECTIVE

A political agreement was reached on 26 June 2013 on the concessions directive with the Council and the European Commission. Clear rules will apply to the awarding of concession contracts, for both works and services, putting an end to the current

patchwork of national rules and interpretations of EU principles and EU case law. The IMCO Committee will probably vote on the deal on 5 September, paving the way for a plenary vote in the autumn.

AGENDA

- CEDEC Working Group Grid Tariffs : 5 September 2013
- CEDEC Working Group Trading : 13rd September 2013
- Informal EU Energy Ministers meeting : 19-20 September
- CEDEC Board of Directors (Rome) : 1 October
- European Commission Gas Forum (Madrid) : 15 & 16 October 2013
- CEDEC Working Group Network Codes for Gas and Electricity (Amsterdam) : 22 October 2013
- High-level conference energy infrastructure and implementation of PCIs: 4-5 November 2013
- European Commission Electricity Forum (Milan) : 12 & 13 November 2013
- CEDEC Board of Directors : 4 December
- Energy Council : 12 December 2013
- European Commission Citizen's Energy Forum (London) : 16 & 17 December 2013

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