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WORKSHOP

Organised in cooperation with the Economic, Agricultural, Environmental and Regional Policy Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

“The Clean Energy Package and the national energy and climate plans-Outlook for Renewable Energies in Latvia”

Baltic Hall, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 6/8
Tuesday, 3 December 2019, 11.00-14.30

Working languages: Latvian and English, simultaneous interpretation provided

PROGRAMME

11.00-11.10 Welcome and Opening Speech

Janis Vitenbergs, Chairman of the Economic, Agricultural, Environmental and Regional Policy Committee, Member of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

11.10-11.55 Setting the ambition for renewables for Latvia

The session will present the current situation of renewable energies in Latvia and how it will be addressed via the national energy and climate plans, considering the EU’s clean energy package. The session intends to set the picture of the present to discuss the development of policies for the Latvian renewable energy system of the future.

Chair: **Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES

- Renewable Energies in the National Energy and Climate Plan. Present and future measures.
Ralfs Nemiro, Minister of Economy, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Latvia
- *Prospects for wind energy development in Latvia*
Andrejs Apanuks, Director of Sustainable Energy Policy Department, Ministry of Economic Affairs
- **Smart Energy Transition in Latvia and around the globe**
Olga Bogdanova, Member of the Supervisory Board of Power Transmission System Operator AS “Augstsprieguma Tīkls”

Questions & Answers

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11.55-12.40 Towards a new and sustainable energy system- views from the sector(s)

This session will discuss the trends of the new energy system and energy markets in Latvia. Innovative initiatives and new business models from different sectors will be presented to show how different actors are implementing solutions overcoming the challenges faced by the traditional energy system and thereby shaping the future Latvian energy system.

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- **Implementation and potential of Solar Power in Latvia.**
Krists Mertens, Member of the Management Board, Enefit Latvia Company
- Bioenergy production and utilisation potential in the Baltic region. The experience of Latvia
Edgars Vīgants, Member of Council, Latvian Bioenergy Association
- Wind energy development in the next decade
Andris Vanags, Latvian Wind Power Association

Questions & Answers

12.40-13.10 Coffee Break

13.10-14.30 Shaping and funding Latvia's energy transition

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Input speeches

- **Gunars Valdmanis**, Managing Director at Latvian Association of Power Engineers and Energy Constructors

Experts panel

- **Mr Gatis Bazbauers**, Professor of the Riga Technical University
- **Edgars Kudurs**, AS "Attīstības finanšu institūcija Altum", Head of Enterprise Energy Efficiency Division
- **Normunds Talcis**, Chairman of the Board of AS "Rīgas Siltums"

Exchange of views and discussion among participants

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