Tuesday 5 May 2015

VMA1, Van Maerlant Building, Committee of the Regions, Rue Van Maerlant 2, Brussels 1040

8.30-9.00 am
Registration and welcome coffee

9.00-9.45 am
Opening session

Opening remarks:
Vítor Caldeira
President of the European Court of Auditors

Keynote speaker:
Maroš Šefčovič
Vice-President for Energy Union, European Commission

Chair:
Szabolcs Fazakas
Reporting Member for the ‘EU Assistance to Ukraine’ audit, European Court of Auditors

9.45-10.45 am
Plenary: Obstacles to the completion of the internal energy market

What are the main obstacles to the completion of the internal energy market, and how can these be overcome?

Has EU financing facilitated the development of infrastructure necessary for a fully functioning internal energy market?

Speakers:
Alberto Pototschnig
Director of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators

Aleksandra Gawlikowska-Fyk
Head of the Energy Project,
Polish Institute of International Affairs

Leigh Hancher
Professor of European Law, University of Tilburg

Erki Must
Task Leader for the ‘Security of Energy Supply’ audit, European Court of Auditors

Chair:
Phil Wynn Owen
Reporting Member for the ‘Security of Energy Supply’ audit, European Court of Auditors

10.45-11.00 am
Coffee break

11.00-12.00 pm
Plenary: Ukraine’s key role in European energy supply as a major transit route

What are the major issues involved in the ongoing transition of Ukraine?

How may the upcoming transformations in Ukraine interact with its transit role?

Speakers:
Péter Balás
Head of the Support Group for Ukraine,
European Commission

László Varró
Head of Gas, Coal and Electricity Markets division,
International Energy Agency

Francis Joret
Head of the Pre-Accession and Neighbourhood Policies Unit,
European Court of Auditors

Chair:
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12.00-12.30 pm
Closing session

Main speaker:
Gerassimos Thomas
Deputy Director-General of DG Energy, European Commission

Closing remarks:
Phil Wynn Owen
Member of the European Court of Auditors

12.30 pm
Standing lunch / Close