NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY WORKSHOP

Organised in cooperation with the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

"The EU Green Deal as driver for economic prosperity and the energy transition in Lithuania"

Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Vilnius
12 April 2024, 10:00 – 14:30
Constitution Hall

Working languages: English and Lithuanian – simultaneous interpretation provided

PROGRAMME

09.30 – 10.00 Registration and welcome coffee

10:00 – 11:00 The big picture: The EU Green Deal as driver for economic prosperity and the energy transition in Lithuania

Chair: Aistė Gedvilienė, Chair of the Committee on Environment Protection, Host of the workshop
Co-Chair: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

- Welcome by Seimas
  Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė, Deputy Speaker of the Seimas, Chair of the Committee on European Affairs

- The Energy Transition in Lithuania - Plans of the Government: The national energy and climate plan & the updated national energy independence strategy
  Daiva Garbaliauskaitė, Deputy Minister of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania

- Europe's vision for a strong economy and a clean future: The elements of the EU Green Deal
  Yolanda Garcia Mezquita, Head of Unit, Relations with the Member States and the Energy Community, DG Energy, European Commission (online speech)

- Lithuania and the Energy Transition in the Regions
  Romualdas Vaitkus, Member of the Committee on Environment Protection & the Commission for Energy and Sustainable Development
Exchange of views and discussion among participants

11:00 – 12:30 The Role of Renewables in Lithuania
Chair: Aistė Gedvilienė, Chair of the Committee on Environment Protection

- Renewable energy resources in Lithuania
  Jaunius Jatautas, Policy Analyst

- Grid development and energy independency – a matter of security
  Rokas Masiulis, CEO, Litgrid - Lithuanian Electricity Transmission System Operator

- Barriers and Opportunities for Solar in Lithuania
  Andrius Karazinas, President, Lithuanian Solar Energy Association

- PV manufacturing *status quo* and potential in Lithuania and the EU
  Žygimantas Vaičiūnas, Policy Director, European Solar Manufacturing Council

- Wind energy potential in Lithuania: opportunities and challenges
  Linas Sabaliauskas, Executive Director, Lithuanian Wind Power Association

- Potentials of Biomass in Lithuania
  Virginijus Dirma, Director, Lithuanian Biomass Energy Association

- The fast way forward: How to boost renewables in Lithuania
  Domantas Tracevičius, Founder, Circular Economy

Exchange of views and discussion among participants

12.30 – 13.00 Coffee Break with Pastries

13:00 – 14:20 The Role of Energy Efficiency in Lithuania
Chair: Aistė Gedvilienė, Chair of the Committee on Environment Protection

- Update on the latest Energy Efficiency Policies
  Madis Laaniste, Policy Officer, Energy Efficiency: Policy and Financing, DG Energy, European Commission (online speech)

- Energy Efficiency and Enabling Narratives
  Nils Borg, Executive Director, eceee

- Energy Efficiency policies in Lithuania: The plans of the government
  Inga Žilienė, Deputy Minister of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania

- The Role of Energy Efficiency in Lithuanian Cities
  Gediminas Ratkevičius, Vice-Chair of the Housing and Energy Committee of the Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania

- Perspectives for the implementation of energy efficiency in industry
  Vidmantas Janulevičius, President, Confederation of Lithuanian Industrialists

- Energy Efficiency in the Lithuanian Buildings Sector
Laura Lukoševičienė, Head of the Housing Policy Group of the Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Lithuania

Exchange of views and discussion among participants

14:20-14:30 Closing Remarks

Aistė Gedvilienė, Chair of the Committee on Environment Protection

Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES