



Launch of European Smart Specialisation Platform on energy

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Programme

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Tuesday, 26 May 2015
Berlaymont, Schuman Room
Brussels, Belgium

09:00 – 09:30

[Registration and welcome](#)

09:30 – 10:30

[Opening session](#)

Moderator: **Vladimír Šucha**, Director-General, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Tibor Navracsics, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth & Sport, European Commission, responsible for DG Joint Research Centre

Corina Crețu, Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Commission

Jerzy Buzek, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)

Markku Markkula, President of the Committee of the Regions

10:30 – 10:50

[Debate: the Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy](#)

John Bensted-Smith, Director, Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Giovanni De Santi, Director, Institute for Energy and Transport, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

10:50 – 12:15

[Panel discussion: energy priorities of regions and needs for support](#)

Moderator: **Tudor Constantinescu**, Principal Adviser to the Director-General of Directorate-General Energy, European Commission

José Sánchez Maldonado, Regional Minister for Economy, Innovation, Science and Employment, Andalusia

Graeme Dickson, Director-General for Enterprise, Environment and Innovation, Scottish Government

Dirk Hendricks, Senior Policy Advisor, European Renewable Energies Federation

Michele De Nigris, Chair of ISGAN (International Smart Grid Action Network)

12:15 - 12:50

Smart specialisation in the energy sector

Moderator: **Normunds Popenis**, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Dzintars Kauliņš, Head of Division for Energy, Permanent Representation of Latvia to the EU

António Vicente, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, European Commission

12:50 - 13:00

Wrap up

Vladimír Šucha, Director-General, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

13:00 - 14:00

Networking lunch

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