

Informal meeting of EU ministers for energy and climate change

The joint meeting of EU ministers for energy and climate change will be held on Tuesday 12 July in Reduta, Bratislava, during the first Slovak Presidency of the Council of the EU. This meeting will be followed by the informal meeting of energy ministers on Wednesday 13 July.

The joint meeting of EU ministers for energy and climate change will be dedicated to key issues related to achieving the EU's climate and energy objectives. Delegations of EU Member States, representatives of EU institutions and other invited guests will discuss the instruments for achieving these objectives. The main focus of the discussion will be on sustainable financing of the transition to a low-carbon economy and on governance of the Energy Union, which aims to strengthen cooperation among Member States in developing climate and energy policies and to reduce administrative burdens. The meeting will be chaired by the Minister for the Economy of the Slovak Republic, Peter Žiga, and the Minister for the Environment of the Slovak Republic, László Sólymos. Commission Vice-President for Energy Union Maroš Šefčovič will also take part in the discussion.

The meeting of the EU energy ministers will continue on Wednesday 13 July with two sessions. The first session will deal with energy prices and costs in Europe. Delegates will discuss the impact of energy costs on the EU's competitiveness and how to ensure the transition to a low-carbon economy in a cost-effective manner. Representatives of EU industry associations will also have an opportunity to present their views on this topic.

This part of the informal meeting of the EU energy ministers will be followed by deliberations on the EU strategy for liquefied natural gas (LNG) and gas storage and its contribution to EU energy security. Commission Vice-President for Energy Union Maroš Šefčovič, the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, Jerzy Buzek, and the special guest of the informal meeting, Amos J. Hochstein, Special Envoy and Coordinator for International Energy Affairs at the US Department of State, will have an opportunity to present their views on this topic.

