



Press Invitation

Informal Meeting of EU Energy Ministers

11 April 2016

The informal meeting of EU energy ministers will take place in Amsterdam on Monday 11 April. Issues on the agenda include regional cooperation and electricity market forces in the future.

At the end of 2016 the European Commission intends to present legislative proposals for a redesign of the electricity market. The proposals will be aimed at a common and more market-driven EU strategy on electricity. These are major preconditions for an effective European electricity market that can ensure an affordable, reliable, low-carbon electricity supply in the future. The Netherlands Presidency sees the informal meeting as an outstanding opportunity to give the Commission political guidance on the proposals at an early stage.

The European Commission and the ministers responsible for energy will discuss the various challenges facing the EU in the area of energy, such as integrating renewable energy, electricity supply security, further market integration and regional cooperation. The Netherlands and Belgium will sign a declaration on energy cooperation, emphasising the excellent relationship between the two countries in the area of energy and recognising the importance of intensifying these ties. Close cooperation at both regional and European level is key to a successful energy transition.

Press programme

Date: Monday 11 April
Location: National Maritime Museum, Amsterdam
Time: 7.50 – 15.30

Several opportunities for the press have been planned during the informal meeting of energy ministers:

8.30 – 9.00	Ministers arrive by boat and are welcomed by economic affairs minister Henk Kamp
8.50 – 9.00	Tour de table: opportunity for press to film and take photographs in the meeting room
14.30	Meeting ends, visiting ministers depart by car
14.45	Press conference by Henk Kamp and European Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete
15.20	Henk Kamp and his Belgian counterpart Marie-Christine Marghem sign political declaration on energy cooperation





Accreditation and information

As a journalist, photographer or member of a camera team, you can apply for accreditation for the six-month duration of the Netherlands Presidency. Without accreditation, you will be unable to access the official Presidency meeting venue, Amsterdam's historic naval dockyard (MEA), comprising the National Maritime Museum and the Europe Building. The accreditation process may take some time. Openings for last-minute on-site accreditation are extremely limited and cannot be guaranteed. To gain accreditation, you must hold a valid press card. Accreditation is strictly personal and dependent on the outcomes of preliminary and interim screening. You can request accreditation at <https://english.eu2016.nl/media/accreditation>.

For information on press facilities – including how to book them – consult the Media Note on www.eu2016.nl. The website also gives up-to-date overviews of the press opportunities for each informal meeting.