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Second Announcement

The Nordic Council¹, the Baltic Assembly² and the Benelux Interparliamentary Consultative Council³ jointly invite you to attend a trilateral parliamentary conference on energy **10-11 December 2004 in Oslo, Norway**, at the Norwegian Parliament Building, 'Stortinget'.

The conference will be conducted in English with simultaneous Finnish, French, Russian and Scandinavian translation.

Political and Financial Tools to Promote Sustainable and Secure Energy Supplies

Objective

The conference will be addressing how the challenge of promoting sustainable and secure energy supplies is approached by the Nordic, Baltic and Benelux countries.

Market forces clearly cannot serve as the sole instrument of energy policy. The aim of this conference is to seek efficient political and financial instruments to promote development of sustainable energy production, to increase energy efficiency, and to reduce energy dependence.

An expert review benchmarking the Nordic, Baltic and Benelux countries in relation to EU-policies will soon be available as a conference booklet.

¹ The Nordic Council, NC (www.norden.org): Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and the three autonomous areas: the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland

² The Baltic Assembly, BA (www.baltasam.org): Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

³ Benelux Interparliamentary Consultative Council, BICC (www.benelux.be): Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands

Schedule

Thursday 9 December:	Participants arrive in Oslo in the evening Registration and "Ice-Breaker" reception
Friday 10 December:	Registration 8.00-9.00 Conference 9.00-18.00 Dinner 20.00
Saturday 11 December	Conference 9.00-13.00 Post Conference Excursion in Oslo in the afternoon

Programme

The Conference will comprise the following five sessions:

1. Energy policy - Reality reflecting visions?

Lambert van Nistelrooij, the Netherlands, Member of the European Parliament Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
Thorhild Widvey, Norwegian Minister for Petroleum and Energy (tbc)
Madis Laaniste; Estonian government
Reports on benchmarking and policy status

2. Energy in an open market

Government, industry and consumer perspective on Nordic and Benelux experiences

3. Promotion of renewable energy and higher energy efficiency

Svend Auken, MP Denmark, Former Minister for Energy and Environment
Hjálmar Árnason, MP Iceland, Member of the West Nordic Council (tbc)
Research perspective

4. Trade in quotas and emission rights

Government, industry and NGO perspectives from Benelux and the Baltic Sea Region

5. The future of nuclear power in European energy policy

Gail Marcus, Deputy Director-General, OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (tbc)
Government and NGO perspective from Lithuania, Sweden and Finland

Invited participants

Members of the NC, BA and BICC, members of the eleven countries' National Parliaments' Energy Committees, European Parliament, British-Irish Interparliamentary Body, government representatives, NGOs, secretaries, experts, etc.

Background

According to the EU Green Paper '*Towards a European Strategy for the security of energy supply*' (2001), the share of energy supply in the European Union that has to be imported was expected to rise from the present 50% to 70% with the enlargement of the European Union to 25 member states.

Moreover, the EU goal of raising the proportion of *renewable energy* sources from 6% to 12 % has certainly not yet been shown to be progressing. What is needed to speed up the process?

The *energy market is in the process of becoming liberalised and internationalised*. One example is the EU internal market for gas and electricity. This is a challenging development, one of the main aims being to provide cheaper energy for the consumer. Recent power cuts, price fluctuations and price increases for electricity are nevertheless what consumers are currently confronted with in a number of European countries. What is the benefit of market liberation for the consumer?

The *Kyoto Protocol* obligations are in the process of being fulfilled by the signatories. Which are the mechanisms that governments use to reduce CO² emissions and achieve their reduction targets?

Some countries have decided to reject *nuclear power*. Others, like Sweden and Germany, have decided to phase out their nuclear contribution. And recently Finland decided to enlarge their nuclear production by the building of a new reactor. What will be the future of nuclear power in Europe?

Registration

Please note, that your registration form includes the possibility to reserve hotel rooms during the conference. Please return the registration form by e-mail to sne@stortinget.no no later than November 9th 2004.

More information

Is available on the Conference website: www.norden.org/TEC2004

Looking forward to welcoming you to Oslo
On behalf of the three interparliamentary bodies

Asmund Kristoffersen

Chairman of the Nordic Council Environment and Natural Resources Committee, MP Norway

Küllo Arjakas

Vice Chairman of the Baltic Assembly Environment Protection and Energy Committee, MP Estonia

Jean-Marie Happart

President of the Benelux Interparliamentarian Consultative Council, MP Belgium



Preliminary
Programme
Trilateral Energy Conference – TEC 2004
December 10-11 2004 in Oslo, Norway

*Political and Financial Tools to Promote Sustainable and
Secure Energy Supplies*

Thursday 9 December

Arrival and registration
Optional ice-breaking evening event

Friday 10 December

Arrival and registration continued

09:00-09.30

Opening of the conference

Chair: Mr. *Asmund Kristoffersen*, Chairman of the Nordic Council Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Speaker of the Norwegian Parliament, Storting – A word of welcome

Baltic Assembly – Background and objective of the conference

Benelux Interparliamentarian Consultative Council -
Background and objective of the conference

Ms. Anita Johansson, Vice President of the Nordic Council-
Background and objective of the conference

09:30-12:30

(Incl. coffee break)

Energy policy – Reality reflecting vision?

Chair: Baltic Assembly

Mrs Thorhild Widvey, Norwegian Minister for Petroleum and Energy (tbc)

Mr Lambert van Nistelrooij, Netherlands, Member of the European Parliament Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Mr Madis Laaniste, Estonian government
Reports on benchmarking and policy status

LUNCH

14:00-15:30

Energy in an open market

(Incl. coffee break)

Chair: Benelux Interparliamentary Consultative Council

Government, industry and consumer perspective on Nordic and Benelux experiences

16:00-18:00

Promotion of renewable energy and higher energy efficiency

Chair: *Mrs Barbro Feltzing, Nordic Council*

Mr Svend Auken, MP Denmark, Former Minister for Energy and Environment

Mr Hjálmar Árnason, MP Iceland, Member of the West Nordic Council

Research perspective

Saturday 11 December

09:00-10:30

Trade in quotas and emission rights

Chair: Baltic Assembly

Government, industry and NGO perspective from Benelux and the Baltic Sea Region

10:45-12:00

(Incl. coffee break)

The future of nuclear power in European energy policy.

Gail Marcus, Deputy Director-General, OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (tbc)

Government and NGO perspective from Lithuania, Sweden and Finland

12:00-12:15

Conclusions

Mr Asmund Kristoffersen

Summing up - Where to go from now?

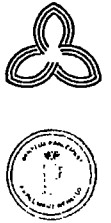
Chairman's conclusions on what can be done from national parliaments and interparliamentary bodies to promote the sustainable and secure energy supply?

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9 November, 2004 to:

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Trilateral Energy Conference – TEC 2004

10 – 12 December, Oslo, Norway

REGISTRATION FORM (one form per participant)

Family name (please type or print name)
name (Ms/Mrs/Mr)

First

Title

Organisation/Institution

Address

Postal code

City

Country

E-mail

Time of arrival in Oslo Date _____ Time _____ Flight number _____

Time of departure Date _____ Time _____ Flight number _____

SOCIAL EVENTS in which you intend to participate:	HOTELL RESERVATIONS (Pre-booked rooms)
Ice-breaking , 9 December <input type="checkbox"/>	Rica Victoria , Rosenkranzgt. 13, 0121 Oslo Phone: +47 24 14 70 00, Fax: +47 24 14 70 01
Lunch, 10 December <input type="checkbox"/>	
Dinner, 10 December <input type="checkbox"/>	Rates NOK 853,- (Monday - Friday) NOK 750,- (Friday- Sunday)
Lunch, 11 December <input type="checkbox"/>	MY RESERVATION: from <input type="text"/>
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