



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Brussels, 13 September 2013

13472/13

ENER 406
RELEX 792

NOTE

from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Delegations

Subject: Review of Council conclusions of 24 November 2011 on strengthening the external dimension of the EU energy policy

The European Council on 22 May 2013 ¹ instructed the Council to "*follow up on its conclusions of November 2011* ² and review developments regarding EU external energy policy ³" and to do so before the end of 2013.

The Presidency has therefore placed this item on the agenda of the TTE (Energy) Council on 12 December 2013.

Delegations will find in Annex information relating to the preparation of this Council agenda item.

¹ doc. EUCO 75/1/13 REV 1
² doc. 17615/11
³ doc. EUCO 76/12

Delegations are invited to provide their views on the following two questions in writing, by 27 September.

Having regard to the November 2011 Council conclusions:

- A. How do you assess the progress and achievements, since November 2011, as regards the strengthening of the EU external energy policy ?
- B. What further actions would you consider are needed to achieve the aims and targets as described in the Council conclusions of November 2011 ?
Do you consider that any of the existing policies or initiatives need strengthening or improvement ? If yes, please specify.

N.B. Delegations may choose to either answer the above questions in a general manner (whilst possibly highlighting specific issues of their choice) or answer these questions in the context of the following areas (i.e. corresponding to the headings of the November 2011 Council conclusions):

1. Strengthening the coordination of the external dimension of the EU energy policy
2. Strengthening the EU cooperation with third countries - Building on the internal energy market
 - Multilateral instruments
 - Infrastructures
 - Priorities for market integration
 - Global safety and security
3. Deepening energy partnerships
4. Supporting developing economies

* * *

Provisional timetable

17 September	EWP: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report from the Commission on strengthening the external dimension of the EU energy policy (<u>presentation</u>)• Review of Council conclusions of 2011 on strengthening the external dimension of the EU energy policy (<u>presentation of doc. 13472/13 containing topics and headings (on the basis of the 24 Nov. 2011 Council conclusions and draft timetable)</u>)• Set deadline for MS to submit written comments – <u>27 September</u>
19/20 September	Informal meeting of Energy Ministers: first exchange of views
1 October	EWP: Discussion on the basis of [a first summary of] delegations' comments
15 October	EWP: Discussion
12 November	EWP: Finalisation of the outcome of the review
4 December (poss.)	COREPER: TTE (Energy) substance
12 December	TTE (Energy)