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- Information from the Austrian delegation

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Work program of the incoming Presidency - Information from the Austrian delegation

- The Austrian Presidency will dedicate its efforts to delivering a strong and resilient Energy Union in order to pave the way for a safe and sustainable, renewables-based energy system. We share the idea that a holistic view of energy and climate policy is needed: The five dimensions of the Energy Union and the interlinked legislative proposals - most notably those in the Clean Energy Package - reflect this.
- The Austrian Presidency will focus on three main priorities:

1) Clean Energy Package

- The efforts of the Austrian Presidency will build on the valuable achievements of the Estonian and Bulgarian presidency in the negotiations on the Clean Energy Package. In particular, Austria will focus on the **electricity market design**, which is decisive for the functioning of the future energy system. The numerous interlinkages and dependencies will require utmost care and careful calibration. In negotiations, the Austrian Presidency will strive for compromises and balanced solutions. The **Informal Meeting of Energy Ministers in Linz on 17 and 18 September 2018** will be an important milestone in building consensus on the **remaining legislative files**. At the **TTE Energy Council on 19 December 2018**, legislative efforts shall be concluded.

2) Innovative energy technologies

- Innovation is key to implementing the European Energy Union. The Austrian Presidency will therefore put a strong focus on renewable hydrogen, storage technologies and the role of energy intensive industry for the energy transition during the **Informal Meeting of Energy Ministers on 17 and 18 September 2018** in Linz. In the framework of a **High-Level Conference on 17 September 2018**, innovative energy technologies will be discussed and presented.

- Also, the **11th SET Plan Conference on 20 and 21 November 2018** in Vienna shall be dedicated to innovative energy technologies and focus on the following topics:
 - Smart and Resilient Cities and Buildings
 - Sustainable Energy Systems (Renewables and Storage)
 - Energy Efficiency in Industry
 - Joint projects for achieving the EU-2030 targets and the potential of the new European financing platform for renewables

The conference shall highlight the successful efforts of the Strategic Energy Technology Plan to implement transnational joint actions towards a low carbon energy system in Europe.

3) International Energy Hub Austria

- The Austrian Presidency wants to stimulate dialogue across national and institutional borders. It seeks to foster active cooperation between international energy organizations and to strengthen energy relations of the EU and its Member States. Some of these international organizations are based in Vienna, such as the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation, Sustainable Energy for All or the Energy Community. The **Directors' General Meeting on 15 November 2018** will therefore bring together international organizations' representatives and will be dedicated to "Energy Security in the Era of Decarbonization".