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Work Programme of the incoming Presidency – information from the Finnish delegation

Finland remains fully committed in further enhancing the EU's Energy Union and its objectives. **The National Energy and Climate Plans** (NECP's) play a major role in delivering these objectives. Member States will finalize the NECP's this year. Finland aims to promote a dialogue on the national plans and provide an opportunity to discuss the Commission's recommendations on the draft national plans also at Ministerial level at the **24 September Energy Council**.

Finland is the first Presidency to integrate the new **Strategic Agenda** into the Council's work. Moreover, the climate agenda will be highlighted during the Finnish Presidency. The energy sector, being responsible for a high share of the total greenhouse gas emission, will play a central role in the **green transition**. The EU and its Member States are committed to the Paris Agreement and its goals, and recognize the need to achieve a long-term transition to a climate neutral economy. Finland will provide a possibility for discussions on how this transition can happen. In particular, Ministers will have an opportunity to discuss how the energy sector can contribute to this change at the Energy Council of 24 September.

On legislative proposals, the Finnish Presidency will continue working on the **Regulation on Tyres Labelling**. We are ready to advance the negotiations and initiate trilogues with the European Parliament with a view of reaching an agreement. The agreement should be balanced between securing improved abilities for the consumers to make informed choices, reduce transport emission and promote road safety.

During the Finnish Presidency, we aim to highlight the role of **innovative technologies promoting climate neutrality**. In particular, this is foreseen in the Informal Competitiveness Council to be held in Helsinki on 5 July and in the 13th SET-Plan conference on energy technology, which will be held in Helsinki in 13-15 November. The conference is the main event of the energy sector in Finland during the Presidency and it will focus on the following topics: industry, renewable energy and renewable fuels for transport, smart grids and finance but also on women's role in energy.

The Finnish Presidency will also continue the work on the **external energy relations**.

Finland's Presidency aims to focus on **nuclear safety** over the entire lifetime of nuclear power generation and the importance of responsible nuclear waste management related to all nuclear technologies.

Finland will have two formal Energy Council meetings in Brussels, on the 24th of September and on the 4th of December 2019.

