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In view of the TTE (Energy) Council on 11 June 2021, delegations will find in Annex an information note from the Slovenian delegation.

Work programme of the Slovenian Presidency

The main priorities of the Slovenian Presidency in the field of energy will be to create a more sustainable EU energy sector in order to facilitate smooth, cost-effective and just energy transition. In order to reach the EU climate and energy targets by 2030 and climate neutrality by 2050, we need to design policies in a coherent manner considering the benefits of circular economy and Energy Efficiency First principle, sector integration and renewable, as well as other sustainable low carbon energy sources.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, energy sector has proven to be a robust and resilient, securing the continuation of EU's energy supply without major disruptions. Nevertheless, we have to ensure its further development in order not to jeopardize its resilience in the potential futures crises.

Slovenia's main political priority will be focused on alternative fuels and e-mobility. Slovenian Presidency plans to organize an informal ministerial meeting with a joint session of both energy and transport ministers that will be held in Ljubljana from 21st to 22nd September. The joint meeting will be dedicated to common challenges of e-mobility, whereas the energy ministers will look into open issues of the Fit for 55 Package's energy-related legislation.

Back-to-back with our informal ministerial meeting, we will also host the CESEC ministerial meeting. It is crucial to deepen the relations and improve connectivity with our neighbours in the Southeast of Europe as they prepare to further integrate with the EU energy markets.

Slovenian Presidency intends to progress on the Revision of TEN-E regulation. Modernising and expanding energy infrastructure will not only help EU in its recovery, but it is also a key enabler of the energy transition. Slovenian Presidency intends to build on the work of the Portuguese Presidency and plans to reach a final compromise with the EP by the end of the year.

With regard to the energy files in the Fit for 55 Package, which is expected to be presented in July, Slovenian Presidency plans to start the examination of the revision of Renewables and Energy Efficiency Directives. Further deployment of renewable energy sources and more efficient use of energy are two pivotal pillars of the EU's path to decarbonisation of which potential has to be carefully considered and unleashed.

Slovenian Presidency remains committed to promoting new ideas and innovations in the field of energy technology, which is why we are hosting this year's SET Plan Conference to be held in Ljubljana on 25th and 26th of November.

The formal meeting of the Energy Council (TTE) will take place on 2 December 2021.