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Slovak Presidency of the Council
of the European Union

2016 – “Year of Delivery’’ for the ENERGY UNION

5 mutually interconnected dimensions:

- energy security, solidarity and trust
- fully integrated European energy market
- energy efficiency helping to meet the demand
- decarbonisation of economy
- research, innovation and competitiveness

ENERGY UNION and the SLOVAK PRESIDENCY of the Council of the EU

Currently discussed legislative proposals:

- Energy labelling
- Winter Gas package - measures to safeguard Security of gas supply
- IGA proposal

To be presented during the SK PRES:

- Proposal for the revision of the EED and EPBD (tentatively October)
- Winter package - renewables, governance, new electricity market design, security of energy supply (tentatively Nov/Dec)
- Atomic questions (revison of Articles 41 to 44 of the Euratom Treaty.
- External dimension of the European energy policy (review by Energy ministers)

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Security of gas supply

Major elements of the proposal:

- Regional emergency and preventive plans
- Introduction of solidarity principle, inclusion of Energy Community
- Increasing of transparency of contracts (the level of the share of supplier 40%)
- **SK PRES intends to reach an agreement in the Council, start negotiations with the EP and if possible also conclude such agreement**

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Regional Cooperation

Regions or risk based approach? How to integrate emergency supply corridors proposed by ENTSO-G and EP?

How to bring forward the national element – level of national plans and the level of coordination

Minimize the administrative burden – how to utilize the proposed templates and make sure that coordination is effective

Solidarity

How to make it work in practice – flexiblity vs. prescriptiveness

Minimize political risk – a balance between responsibility and solidarity

Minimize risk for companies – setting up a framework that will enable effective compensation

Transparency

Clear mandate from the European Council

How to make sure:

- commercially sensitive information is protected
- only the information crucial for security of supply is used

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