

Press release

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The Bridge Forum Dialogue conference: "*Energy Union: time for Europe to deliver*", by Mr. Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission, on 9 June 2015, at the premises of the European Parliament, Schuman Building, Luxembourg

The Bridge Forum Dialogue organised on Monday 8 June 2015 a conference on the topic "*Energy Union: time for Europe to deliver*", under the chairmanship of Mr. Vítor Manuel da Silva Caldeira, President of the European Court of Auditors, Vice-President of the The Bridge Forum Dialogue.

The conference attracted a large audience especially from the European institutions.

Following the introductory remarks by Mr. Caldeira, the speaker, Mr. Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission, engaged in a stimulating presentation addressing the various challenges and opportunities underlying the creation of the Energy Union. Mr. Maroš Šefčovič emphasized how the Energy Union is a key policy priority for the European Commission. According to the speaker, an unprecedented comprehensive inter-disciplinary energy strategy is being deployed in Europe with the aim to bring Europeans a secure, competitive and sustainable energy. Mr. Maroš Šefčovič took the audience through a number of practical issues characterising the Energy Union construction, including: incentives, geopolitical situation, climate change, "energy poverty", energy security, energy efficiency, decarbonisation, research and investment, next steps. The speaker provided also insights on the Luxembourgish energy market.

The speech was followed by a lively questions and answers session.

The introductory remarks by Mr. Caldeira and Mr. Šefčovič's presentation are available on the website of the Bridge Forum Dialogue: <u>www.forum-dialogue.lu</u>.



From left to right: **Mr. Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission,** Mr. Vítor Manuel da Silva Caldeira, President of the European Court of Auditors, Vice-President of the The Bridge Forum Dialogue.