



Press Invitation

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Video Conference of Energy Ministers

On 14 December 2020, the ministers responsible for energy policy will meet for an informal video conference under the German Presidency of the Council of the EU. The meeting will be chaired by Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy Peter Altmaier. Originally, the discussions were to be held at a personal meeting of the Energy Council in Brussels, but will now take place in a virtual format due to the pandemic.

If Europe's energy sector is to become climate-neutral by 2050, there will have to be a fundamental transformation to an integrated energy system that is largely based on renewables and better energy efficiency, and that caters to new technologies such as hydrogen. During their video conference, the ministers responsible for energy within the EU Member States will have an opportunity to discuss ways of better integrating the energy system in Europe. This will be in preparation for the discussions for the 2021 review of EU energy legislation and a potential harmonisation of the EU energy targets for 2030 into a more ambitious EU climate target for 2030.

At the end of the video conference, Federal Minister Altmaier will hand over the chair of the energy council to his Portuguese counterpart João Pedro Matos Fernandes.

You are invited to participate (**online only**) in the meeting for the following items on the agenda:

14 December 2020, 8.30 a.m.: Doorstep by Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy Mr Peter Altmaier and European Commissioner for Energy Ms Kadri Simson

14 December 2020, 1.30 p.m.: Press conference by Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy Mr Peter Altmaier and European Commissioner for Energy Ms Kadri Simson

Live stream:

The **Doorstep** will be **streamed live** by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy and take place as a **mere virtual** event. It will not be possible to attend this event on-site. Unfortunately, there is no possibility to ask questions at the doorstep. We ask for your understanding.

- **German:** <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Livestream/Doorstep-Videokonferenz-Energie-14-12-2020/videostream.html>
- **Floor:** <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Livestream/Doorstep-Videokonferenz-Energie-14-12-2020-Originalton/videostream.html>
- **English:** <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Livestream/Doorstep-Videokonferenz-Energie-14-12-2020/videostream.html>
- **French:** <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/FR/Livestream/Doorstep-Videokonferenz-Energie-14-12-2020/videostream.html>

The live stream (Doorstep) and the video file (Doorstep) can be processed for media as long as it is not used for commercial purposes or for advertising. Photos of the event can be requested by emailing oeffentlichkeitsarbeit@bmwi.bund.de.

The **press conference** will be **streamed live** by the General Secretariat of the Council. If you wish to use the live stream for further purposes, please contact the Council's Secretariat-General at press@consilium.europa.eu.

Live stream for the press conference:

<https://video.consilium.europa.eu/event/en/24291>

Language selection: Simultaneous interpretation into German, English and French is available during the live stream.

Shortly after the doorstep has ended, you will also be able to access the **video and sound files** online:

Doorstep – video file:

- **German:** <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Videos/2020/20201214-Doorstep/videokonferenz-energie.html>
- **English:** <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Videos/20201214-Doorstep/videokonferenz-energie.html>
- **French:** <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/FR/Videos/20201214-Doorstep/videokonferenz-energie.html>

• **Doorstep – audio file:**

- **German:** <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Audios/20201214-doorstep-videokonferenz-energie.html>
- **English:** <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Audios/20201214-doorstep-videokonferenz-energie.html>
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