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***“Preserving Europe for future generations:
Towards green growth and sustainable economy.”***
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Keynote address:

- **Johannes Hahn**, Commissioner for Regional Policy

Introductory remarks:

- **Maria da Graça Carvalho**, MEP, Former Minister of Science, Innovation and Higher Education
- **Hendrik Bourgeois**, Vice-President European Affairs at General Electric Company
- **Romana Jordan**, MEP, Member of Industry, Research and Energy Committee in European Parliament

Moderation: **Richard Seeber**, Co-Coordinator of the EPP Group in the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Topics to be discussed:

- Promoting green innovation and new technologies to stimulate sustainable development of European economy.
- Smart cities: urban mobility, resource management and energy efficiency for 21st century.
- Role of regional policy in achieving EU's 2020 Strategy objectives on a resource efficient, greener and more competitive economy.
- Looking ahead - pathways to low-carbon economy in the long run.

Delegates will have the opportunity to address questions to the speakers.



Johannes Hahn

Prior to joining the European Commission in 2010 in charge of Regional Policy, Johannes Hahn served as the Federal Minister for Science and Research in Austria.

Former Executive Director and Chairman of the Austrian People's Party ÖVP in Vienna, he has spent many years in local politics as a member of the Regional Parliament and the Regional Government in Vienna.

Born in 1957 and holding a Doctorate in philosophy, he has strong experience of working as a manager in different areas of Austrian industry. Between 1997 - 2003 he served as a Board Member and later CEO of Novomatic AG.

He is married with one son.



Maria da Graça Carvalho

Maria da Graça Carvalho is a member of the European Parliament in the EPP Group since 2009. Before she has been Principal Adviser of President Barroso in the areas of Science, Higher Education, Innovation, Research Policy, Energy, Environment and Climate Change from 2006 to 2009.

She has been Minister of Science and Higher Education of the XV Constitutional Government of Portugal and Minister of Science, Innovation and Higher Education of the XVI Constitutional Government, Director-General of GRICES-Office for International Relations in Science and Higher Education and Deputy President of the Portuguese Association of Engineers.

In 1983 she obtained her Ph.D. at the Imperial College in London in the area of energy intensive industries. She is a Full Professor at Instituto Superior Técnico (Technical University of Lisbon) where she has been member of the Board of Directors and President of the Scientific Board.

She has a 30 years research experience in the areas of energy, environment and climate change. She published 115 articles in international scientific journals and more than 300 articles in international books and proceedings of conferences. She is author of 2 books and editor of 14 books and special editions of international scientific journals. Her main area of research is Energy, Climate Change and optimization of energy intensive industries.



Hendrik Bourgeois

Hendrik Bourgeois is Vice President European Affairs at GE (General Electric Company). His most recent prior positions at GE include General Counsel EMEA, Senior Counsel, Competition, Regulation and Government Relations for Europe, and European Competition Counsel, serving all GE businesses on a wide variety of competition law matters involving mergers and acquisitions, distribution, R&D activities and compliance issues.

In his preceding role, Hendrik headed the legal department of one of GE's business divisions, GE Industrial Systems, as European General Counsel. Prior to joining GE, Hendrik Bourgeois was an attorney with Jones Day, based in Washington DC and Brussels, where he practiced mainly US antitrust and European competition law.

Hendrik obtained his law degree at the Rijksuniversiteit Gent, Belgium and has an LL.M degree from Harvard Law School. He is a former member of the Brussels Bar and current member of the New York Bar. Hendrik is a frequent speaker and writer on competition law issues.

He was elected Chairman of AmCham EU in October 2011.



Romana Jordan

Dr. Romana Jordan holds a bachelor's degree from Electrical Engineering, M.Sc. in Nuclear Engineering, and Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering.

In June 2009 she was re-elected for her second mandate as Member of the European Parliament on the list of the Slovenian Democratic Party. She is a member and vice-coordinator of the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) and substitute member of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI).

Dr. Jordan worked from 1990 until 2004 as a researcher at Jožef Stefan Institute. She was mostly involved in the safety assessments of complex technologies, such as nuclear reactors and chemical industry.

She serves as Member of the Management Board and Secretary of the University Science Forum, Member of the Management Board and Vice-President of the Slovenian Committee for NATO and President of the Nuclear Society of Slovenia.

Awards and Prizes of dr. Jordan: Honorary Citizen of the Municipality of Prebold, Golden Rose of SDS and MEP of the year 2007 in the field of energy.

Dr. Romana Jordan is mother of two sons.



Richard Seeber

Born in 1962, Richard Seeber studied both economics and law. In 1995, he was nominated as the first director of the newly established liaison office of the Euregio Tyrol at the European Union in Brussels. Since 2004, he has been a Member of the European Parliament and a Member of the Committee for Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. He is also a Substitute Member of the Committee for Regional Development.

In January 2010, he founded the Intergroup on Water of the European Parliament - a broad platform on water aspects for MEPs, representatives of the European Commission as well as stakeholders from economy, environmental protection and regional development. Further key elements of Richard Seeber's work are environmental protection, air quality and mountainous regions.

Mr Seeber was awarded MEP of the year 2012 in the field of environment.