

The first meeting of the “Forum for EU Refining” organised by the Commission will take place on Friday 12 April 2013.

PRESS RELEASE

Brussels, 10 April 2013: The European Commission, under the leadership of DG Energy, will host on 12 April 2013 the first meeting of the “Forum for EU Refining”, including Member States, Industry and other key stakeholders. The Forum will assess, monitor and make recommendations on the competitive situation of the European refining industry, looking in particular at the implications of EU legislation.

During the Conference on EU Refining of 26 November 2012, Commissioner Oettinger announced the proposal to establish this Forum for EU Refining, and the first meeting will take place on Friday 12 April 2013.

The participants will consist of a broad panel of stakeholders with representatives of Member States, Commission, Industry, experts such as the IEA, Trades Unions and other stakeholders. The focus will be on the status of the refining industry one year after the launch of this process by Commissioner Oettinger, and in particular on the Refining Fitness Check announced in the recent update of the Industrial Policy flagship initiative, “A Stronger European Industry for Growth and Economic Recovery” with DG Enterprise presenting the scope, timing and methodology of the check. Two particular regulations under implementation, the Fuel Quality Directive, Article 7a, and the Refining BREF under the Industrial Emissions Directive, both of which carry a strong competitive risk to EU refining, will be discussed.

Chris Beddoes, EUROPIA Director General, commented “*We are looking forward to this first meeting of the Forum for EU Refining, and welcome Commissioner Oettinger’s drive to establish it. We also look forward to discussions with all attendees to address the challenges faced by EU refining. In addition to external competitive pressures, it will be important to examine in particular those created by the EU legislation.*” Chris Beddoes added that “*it is now more than one year since the bankruptcy of Petroplus highlighted the competitive pressures faced by the industry in Europe, so we expect that the Forum will now move beyond discussion to make concrete recommendations*”.

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