



Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union
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PROGRAMME

Committee on Petitions

Workshop on *The exploration and exploitation of shale gas in the European Union and its impact on the environment and the energy policy, from the perspective of petitions received*

**Tuesday, 9 October 2012, from 15.00 to 18.30
European Parliament, Brussels,
Room: PHS P5B001**

In the context of the work which the European Parliament has undertaken on this important and controversial subject it is the responsibility of the Petitions Committee to allow citizens to have their voices heard and taken into account. Given the important implications of shale gas exploration on the environment and the climate, and at the same time its potential significance in terms of the diversification of energy supply and security this workshop will provide a platform for petitioners and experts to compare, contrast and confront their views. Parliament's rapporteurs from ENVI and ITRE have also been involved along with representatives of industry and member state officials.

**The workshop will be chaired by Ms. Erminia Mazzoni, Chairman of the
Committee on petitions**

15.00–15.05 Welcome and opening by Ms. Erminia Mazzoni, Chairman of the Committee on petitions.

** Note: Each of the presentations by the experts will be followed by a question and answer session with Members.*

15.05–15.20 Updated version of the study "Impacts of shale gas extraction on the environment and on human health", by *Matthias Altmann, Ludwig-Bölkow-Systemtechnik GmbH*

15.20–15.35 "Unconventional gas resources- a challenge for the future" by *Professor Nicolae Anastasiu, Member of Romanian Academy, University of Bucharest*

- 15.35-15.45 Questions and Answers Session
- 15.45- 16.00 **Presentation of petition received from France (0504/2012) by the petitioner Ms. Danièle Favari. Brief introduction by the Chairman of petitions received from Romania (0444/2012 and 0596/2012)**
- 16.00- 16.15 Legal analysis of the petitions received from France and Romania by *Florent Pelsy and Marta Ballesteros, Milieu (Consultancy Company)*
- 16.15- 16.30 Questions and Answers Session
- 16.30-16.45 **Presentation of petition received from Bulgaria (0886/2011) by the petitioners, Mr. Vesko Dimov and Ms. Dushana Zdravkova. Presentation of one petition received from Poland (0578/2012) by the petitioners, Teresa Wojda and Maria Bejda. Brief introduction by the Chairman of two other petitions received from Poland (1378/2011 and 0761/2012)**
- 16.45-17.00 Analysis of the petitions received from Bulgaria and Poland by *Dr Michael LaBelle, Assistant Professor, Central European University and Mr Stanislaw Nagy PhD, Associate Professor of the AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow, Poland*
- 17.00-17.10 Questions and Answers Session
- 17.10-17.20 **Presentation of petition received from the United Kingdom (0895/2012) by the petitioner, Mrs. Rosemary Rechter**
- 17.20-17.30 Analysis of the petitions received from the United Kingdom by *John Broderick, Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research Manchester*
- 17.30-17.40 "Risks and assets of the exploration of shale gas, the case of the United Kingdom", by *Professor Michael Stephenson, the British Geological Survey, UK*
- 17.40-17.50 Questions and Answers Session
- 17.50-18.25 Response by the stakeholders: petitioners, representatives of local authorities, European Commission (DG Environment and DG Energy), representatives of industry.
- 18.25-18.30 Closure of the Workshop by the Chair