



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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FACT FINDING VISIT TO LUSATIA, GERMANY

14 - 16 FEBRUARY 2018

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Wednesday, 14 February 2018

- 09.40 – 11.00 Brussels BRU – Berlin TXL by plane (SN5411)
- 12.10 – 13.00 Bus ride Airport Berlin Tegel – Potsdam
- 13.00 – 14.15 Meeting with representatives of the ***Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy of the Land Brandenburg***
Hendrik Fischer, State Secretary, Representative for the Lusatia region
Dr. Freytag, Head of Department Energy and Resources
and representatives of the ***Ministry for Rural Development, Environment and Agriculture of the Land Brandenburg***
Dr. Carolin Schilde, State Secretary
Axel Loger, Deputy Head of Department Water and Soil Conservation
- Venue: Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Heinrich-Mann-Allee 107, 14473 Potsdam (snack provided)
- 14.30 – 15.15 Meeting with representatives of the ***Ministry of Science, Research and Culture of the Land Brandenburg***
Rudolf Keseberg, Head of Department Central Affairs
Clemens Neumann, Head of Division Sorbs/Wends
Mr Nowak, Division Sorb/Wends
- Venue: Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Heinrich-Mann-Allee 107, 14473 Potsdam
- 15.30 – 17.00 Bus ride Potsdam – Cottbus
- 17.15 – 18.15 Meeting with representatives of the ***Regional State Office of Coal Mining, Geology and Resources (Landesamt für Bergbau, Geologie und Rohstoffe LBGR)***
Hans-Georg Thiem, President LBGR
Uwe Sell, Head of Unit Lignite mining and Remediation work
- venue: Landesamt für Bergbau, Geologie und Rohstoffe, Inselstraße 26, 03046 Cottbus
- 18.45 – 20.15 Meeting with petitioners
- venue: Lindner Congress Hotel, room “Fontane”, Berliner Platz/
Karl-Marx-Straße 68, 03046 Cottbus
- 20.30 Dinner (costs not covered by the European Parliament)



Thursday, 15 February 2018

- 08.00 Meeting in hotel and departure by bus
- 08.15 – 09.00 Bus ride Cottbus - Schwarze Pumpe
- 09.00 – 10:00 Guided tour of the *power station Schwarze Pumpe*

venue: Kraftwerk Schwarze Pumpe, An der Alten Ziegelei 1,
03130 Spremberg
- 10.00 – 11.30 Meeting with representatives of the ***Lausitz Energie Bergbau AG and Lausitz Energie Kraftwerke AG (LEAG)***
Dr. Wolfgang Rolland, Head of Communication
Thomas Penk, Head Recultivation/Management of Resettlement
Oliver Stenzel, Director power station Schwarze Pumpe

and Manfred Hermasch, Member of the Council of Sorb affairs Saxony, Domowina Regionalverband Jakub Lorenc-Zalěski

venue: Kraftwerk Schwarze Pumpe, An der Alten Ziegelei 1,
03130 Spremberg (snack provided)
- 11.30 – 12.15 Bus ride Schwarze Pumpe - Senftenberg
- 12.30 – 14.00 Meeting with representatives of the ***Lausitzer und Mitteldeutsche Bergbauverwaltungsgesellschaft mbH (LMBV GmbH)***
Eckhard Scholz, Head of Technical Division
Beate Lucke, Head of Unit Geotechnics/Hydrology
Gerald Scholz, Head of Management office

venue: LMBV GmbH, Knappenstraße 1, 01968 Senftenberg
(snack provided)
- 14.15 – 15.15 Bus ride Senftenberg - Cottbus



- 15.30 – 16.30 Meeting with representatives of the **city of Cottbus**
Holger Kelch, Mayor
Anna Kossatz-Kosel, Coordinator Sorb/Wendish affairs
Stefan Böttcher, Head of Division Environment and Nature
- venue: Stadthaus (town house), room “Montreuil”,
Erich-Kästner-Platz 1, 03046 Cottbus
- 17.00 – 18.00 Meeting with representatives of the **city of Welzow**
Birgit Zuchold, Mayor
Günter Jurischka, Member of the local council
Petra Rösch, Member local council Proschim, district of Welzow
- venue: Lindner Congress Hotel, room “Fontane”, Berliner Platz/
Karl-Marx-Straße 68, 03046 Cottbus
- 18.10 – 19.00 Meeting with *Marcus Kóncař, Managing Director Domowina*
Regionalverband Niederlausitz e.V.
- venue: Lindner Congress Hotel, room “Fontane”, Berliner Platz/
Karl-Marx-Straße 68, 03046 Cottbus
- 19.00 – 20.00 Meeting with *Andreas Stahlberg, expert and advisor on mining-*
related issues of the municipality of Schenkendöbern and
René Schuster, member of the committee on lignite mining of
the Land Brandenburg
- venue: Lindner Congress Hotel, room “Fontane”, Berliner Platz/
Karl-Marx-Straße 68, 03046 Cottbus
- 20.30 Dinner (costs not covered by the European Parliament)



Friday, 16 February 2018

- 08.00 Meeting in hotel and departure by bus
- 08.30 – 10.00 Visit to and meeting of representatives of *Niedersorbisches Gymnasium Cottbus*, a Sorb Secondary School
Anke Hille-Sickert, Head of School

venue: Niedersorbisches Gymnasium Cottbus, Sielower Straße 37, 03044 Cottbus
- 10.00 – 10.45 Meeting with *Torsten Mack, President of the Council of Sorb and Wendish affairs of the Land Brandenburg*

venue: Niedersorbisches Gymnasium Cottbus, Sielower Straße 37, 03044 Cottbus
- 11.00 – 11.30 ***Press conference***

venue: Lindner Congress Hotel, room “Fontane”, Berliner Platz/
Karl-Marx-Straße 68, Cottbus
- 12.00 – 14.00 Bus ride Cottbus - Airport Berlin Tegel TXL
- 15.30 – 16.50 Return to Brussels by plane (SN2588)

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