

Dear Mr Nociar,

The Centre on Regulation in Europe (CERRE) will organise an Executive Seminar in Brussels on **Thursday 16 June (13:30 – 18:00)** entitled '*The Role of Consumers and the Demand Side in the future Internal Energy Market*'. **I am pleased to invite Vice President Šefčovič to deliver a keynote address at this seminar.** The precise timing of his address could be arranged to fit his schedule.

As the Vice President has noted in his public remarks, a successful Energy Transition will have to be consumer-centred. However, the reality of empowering consumers to play a more active role in energy markets is proving difficult. To contribute to this discussion and move it forward, this event will consider two main themes. It will firstly address the questions of whether, and how, consumers can be engaged. This will include drawing on the experience of other sectors, discussing issues of market design and examining the role of regulators. The second theme will consider the possibility of demand-side response as a tool to engage consumers. This will cover both domestic and industrial consumers, and will touch on issues including energy efficiency, new market entrants such as aggregators, and changes to the roles of existing market players.

The event is designed to identify the key policy gaps that CERRE's original research can address, to move the Internal Energy Market forward.

CERRE is a Brussels-based, independent, not-for-profit think tank that advances the understanding and development of regulation in Europe's network industries. You can find more information about our organisation [here](#) and on our [website](#). **This event will bring together key decision-makers from industry players and regulatory bodies, policy-makers from European and national institutions, and senior academics and independent experts.** It offers a significant opportunity for the Vice President to address the entire range of stakeholders in the energy sector. Past speakers at these events have included national ministers, European Commissioners, and Commission Directors General.

I very much hope that the Vice President will be able to accept this invitation and I remain at your disposal for any additional questions and/or clarifications.

Kind regards,

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