



**Interparliamentary conferences
Dutch EU Presidency 2016**

To Commissioner Vella

Place and date: The Hague, October 14, 2015
Concerning: Invitation to address the Interparliamentary Conference on Energy, Innovation and Circular Economy on Monday April 4, 2016, The Hague, The Netherlands

Dear Commissioner,

From the 1st of January, 2016, the Netherlands will hold the 6 months rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union. As part of the parliamentary dimension of the EU Presidency, the Dutch Parliament will organise an Interparliamentary Conference (IPC) on Energy and Innovation with a special focus on Circular Economy in The Hague from Sunday 3 until Monday 4 April 2016. The conference will be attended by approximately 100 national parliamentarians dealing with energy and climate change from the 28 national parliaments in the EU as well as members of the European Parliament. The key question the conference will address, is: *How to speed up the cost-effective transition towards a clean, competitive and secure Energy Future?*

As chair of the political preparatory group that organizes this conference I would like to invite you as one of three key note speakers in the plenary Monday morning programme between 9.15 and 10.30 AM. The two other key note speakers will be your colleague, Vice-President Šefčovič, and the Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs, Mr. Kamp.

I would therefore be most grateful if you would be willing and available to be in The Hague on Monday April 4 and address the IPC on EU's Circular Economy package that will be presented by the end of this year.

We very much look forward to working with you and your staff in the preparation of the conference. For further information please refer to the clerk of the conference, parleu2016@staten-generaal.nl, tel. +31-70-3182388.

I am looking forward to receiving your response. Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,

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