



Press Release

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Federal Councillor Leuthard on Working Visit to the U.S.

Federal Councillor Doris Leuthard will travel to the U.S. from July 7 to July 11, to hold various discussions on energy and climate policy. In Washington, she will meet Deputy Secretary of Energy Daniel Poneman, among other officials, and in Boston, Mayor Martin J. Walsh and a number of academic and business representatives. In addition, as part of Swiss-U.S. Energy Innovation Days, Federal Councillor Leuthard will open the Watt d'Or – Swiss Energy Excellence exhibition in Boston.

Federal Councillor Leuthard will travel with academic and business representatives, first to Washington, where various discussions on energy and climate policy are scheduled. She will meet Deputy Secretary of Energy Daniel Poneman, Deputy Special Envoy for Climate Change Trigg Talley and Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Robert Perciasepe, among other officials.

In Boston, Federal Councillor Leuthard will meet with Mayor Martin J. Walsh and representatives from Harvard University. She will also deliver a speech at a colloquium on energy supply and energy security at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Afterward Ms. Leuthard will open an exhibition on *Watt d'Or – Swiss Energy Excellence* as part of Swiss-U.S. Energy Innovation Days. The exhibition presents 25 projects from Switzerland which have won the *Watt d'Or* award, which the Federal Office of Energy has presented for outstanding innovation in energy since 2007. In addition, as part of Swiss-U.S. Energy Innovation Days, the head of the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications will open a seminar with the provost of Northeastern University. Representatives from the ETH Zurich (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich) and MIT will sign a student exchange agreement in Boston, deepening their already long-standing ties in research. The trip will be rounded off with a visit to a company that develops intelligent-energy software.

Note for Journalists:

A press call with Federal Councillor Leuthard will be held at the Swiss Embassy in Washington at 4 p.m. on July 9. Those interested in attending are requested to register with the embassy by July 8.

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Journalists will also be able to attend the opening of the *Watt d'Or – Swiss Energy Excellence* exhibition in Boston at 6.30 p.m. on July 10. Federal Councillor Leuthard will be briefly available to answer questions at 7:15 p.m. Journalists are also welcome to attend Swiss-U.S. Energy Innovation Days.

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