

Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union

A mid-term review with Minister of State for European Affairs, Lucinda Creighton TD

The Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister in partnership with the Northern Ireland Assembly and Business Trust (NIABT) invite you to hear from the Minister of State for European Affairs, Lucinda Creighton TD on the Irish Presidency of the Council of the EU from January to June 2013. Minister Creighton will be discussing progress to date and priorities for the remainder of the term.

The Council of the EU is one of the decision-making institutions of the European Union. During its six month term the hosting Member State organises and is Chair of the Council of the EU meetings made up of government ministers from Member States. The Presidency has the responsibility of moving Council work forward as much as possible by helping Member States reach agreement and by formulating compromise proposals that support the interests of the EU as a whole when differences in opinion emerge. The Member State hosting the Presidency has a duty to act as an 'honest broker' as well as a responsibility to be impartial on all matters.

The event is free to attend but **advance registration** is required.

Date: Wednesday 6 March 2013

Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Venue: Room 115, Parliament Buildings

Agenda

12:00pm	Arrival/registration and networking lunch
12:30pm	Welcome remarks - Mike Nesbitt MLA, Chairperson of the Committee for Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister
12:35pm	Minister of State for European Affairs, Lucinda Creighton TD
1:15pm	Question & Answer session
1:45pm	Closing remarks - Chris Lyttle MLA, Chair of NIABT