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Visit of Algirdas Butkevičius, Lithuanian Prime Minister, to José Manuel Barroso: extracts from the joint press conference

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On 24 April 2013, José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, and Algirdas Butkevičius, Lithuanian Prime Minister, held a joint press briefing after the European Commission College received the Lithuanian Government. The leaders presented the main priorities of the Lithuanian Government that will take the rotating Presidency of the EU Council in July. The main challenges will be to bring back the confidence in the EU markets, implement the Compact for Growth and Jobs, the construction of the banking union, and complete the EU internal energy market. Lithuania will direct its forces to the management of the economy and the implementation of the EU fiscal treaty.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:00:00	Title	00:00:05
10:00:05	Exterior view of the EC Berlaymont building	00:00:09
10:00:14	Arrival of José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, and Algirdas Butkevičius, Lithuanian Prime Minister	00:00:03
10:00:18	SOUNDBITE by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH) saying that it will be a period of particularly hard work in the Council and in the European Parliament, because we come to the end of this parliamentary cycle; that is why it is necessary to have a conclusion of very fundamental legislative processes that have already been set in motion; good cooperation of the Council with the European Parliament will be essential and, as always, the Commission is there to help; they will have to advance quickly and conscientiously on a series of priorities: implementation of our Compact for Growth and Jobs; construction of the Banking Union, including through the adoption of the proposal on the Single Resolution Mechanism which the Commission will present in June; and the 2014 objective of fully completing our internal energy market.	00:00:54
10:01:12	General view of press point	00:00:04

10:01:17	SOUNDBITE by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH) saying that he really welcomes Lithuania's ambition to give a fresh impetus to this very important European Union policy; he also welcomes the importance which Lithuania gives to energy challenges in its Presidency priorities: completing the Internal Energy Market in 2014; investing more in modern, trans-European energy infrastructure; and ensuring that the energy policies reinforce Europe's competitiveness; saying that the upcoming European Council, in May, will be very important in this respect and he is certain that Lithuania will do the necessary to build a very strong energy policy.	00:00:39
10:01:57	Cutaway of the speaker	00:00:04
10:02:01	SOUNDBITE by Algirdas Butkevičius (in ENGLISH) saying that Lithuania will be chairing the Council meetings from July to the end of December 2013; this means that they will be responsible for balancing national negotiations as well as a wide range of decisions of EU relevance; they have the common goal of reaching a balance in national interests and to show that the EU is credible, growing and open; they must bring the confidence in the EU markets through the development of the economy, fiscal sustainability and stability; they will direct their forces to the management of the economy and the implementation of the EU fiscal treaty.	00:00:56
10:02:57	Algirdas Butkevičius and José Manuel Barroso shaking hands and leaving (2 shots)	00:00:07

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