

"Although we have committed six and a half years to the Visaginas nuclear power station project, it is still not clear how the Baltic states are to ensure their energy independence," stated the President, Toomas Hendrik Ilves, after meeting with the Lithuanian and Latvian heads of state.

Estonia is awaiting the final official position about the future of Visaginas nuclear power station, and is concerned, above all, about the possible slow-down in the development of new electricity connection projects, particularly in the direction of Lithuania-Poland, confirmed the Estonian Head of State at the meeting of the presidents of the Baltic states.

"It is in the interests of all of us for the Baltic states to be free from the status of energy island of the European Union," he emphasised.

President Ilves expressed his support for Lithuania's priorities during its presidency of the European Council in the second half of 2013; the priorities involve energy security, Eastern Partnership, strengthening of common border administration measures and the Baltic Sea Strategy.

"These are all important issues for the Baltic states and the Baltic Sea region in general, and more extensively the European Union," told the Estonian Head of State.

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