

Cabinet of Commissioner Kadri SIMSON - Minutes of Meeting

MEETING CONCLUSIONS

Title	Meeting with [REDACTED] TAP Consortium
Date	14/1/2022
Participants	Ext : [REDACTED] TAP Consortium) COM: Stefano Grassi, Barbara Glowacka, Tatiana Marquez Uriarte (CAB), [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (ENER)
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	Disclosure authorization : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES - <input type="checkbox"/> NO - <input type="checkbox"/> Partial (pls highlight unauthorized parts)
Issues raised & follow-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The meeting was used to prepare the Southern Gas Corridor Advisory Council on 4 February 2022 in Baku. o The TAP Consortium reported on the upscale potential of the Trans-Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) and issues in relation to the Western Balkans. <p><u>Details:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Stefano Grassi (SG) inquired more information on the market test and possible additional demand in IT and EL. o [REDACTED] (LS) provided details on the binding market test procedure in July 2022. He stressed the importance of the meeting in Baku o LS also reiterated the invitation to a conference in Split on the Ionian-Adriatic Pipeline (IAP) project on 18 January. o As regards the Western Balkans, he mentioned the relevance of natural gas for a possible coal –to-gas switch in the region. LS suggested that the TAP expansion and extension to the Western Balkans could happen gradually in line with demand. o LS also suggested that the TAP Consortium is already testing how TAP's infrastructure could be made hydrogen-compatible in future and asked for political support to convince shippers to switch to hydrogen as soon as it is available in sufficient quantities. o SG thanked the TAP Consortium for the information and recalled ENER's position that TAP's possible expansion or extension would primarily need to be market-driven. He also enumerated possible conditions for new gas infrastructure in the Western Balkans and reiterated the importance of addressing urgently methane emissions.