

Meeting between Commissioner Simson and the American Petroleum Institute - Roundtable with LNG senior executives and LNG associations

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The meeting between the Commissioner Simson and the representatives of the American Petroleum Institute took place on 7 February 2022 at the occasion of Commissioner's visit to the United States for the 9th EU-U.S. Energy Council taking place on the same day.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Mike Sommers, the President and CEO of the American Petroleum Institute, and gathered a number of representatives of the U.S. LNG companies. The LNG companies presented the prospects of the LNG development in the United States and underlined their strong willingness to cooperate with the EU and become a reliable partner underlining the abundance of natural gas resources in the US and the availability of all necessary technologies. The companies also informed about their actions towards making the gas sector as sustainable as possible, notably by addressing the issue of methane emissions as well as by using CCUS technologies. They expressed their satisfaction for including gas investments in the new EU taxonomy. In that context, API underlined its support to the US rejoining the Paris Agreement and expressed readiness to work with the EU on sustainability criteria of LNG, underlining that US LNG is cleaner than Russian pipeline gas. The companies called for political support to increase LNG cooperation between the US and EU.

Commissioner Simson outlined the current energy situation in the EU and outlined the context of her visit (EU-US Energy Dialogue). She also expressed her wish to hear more about the cooperation possibilities between the EU and the US LNG companies, highlighting the importance of climate objectives of the EU at the same time. The Commissioner also explained the relevance to cut methane emissions and the role of gas as a fuel of transition.