



European Commission  
**For the attention of Mr F. Timmermans**  
First Executive Vice President for The European Green Deal

Amsterdam, 5 December 2019

Dear Mr Timmermans,

I write to congratulate you on your appointment as First Executive Vice President for The European Green Deal. I believe that your previous experience as First Vice-President will bring great value to the work of the Commission in this field.

I recognize the crucial role played by a portfolio facing, among the others, the challenge of drafting a European Green Deal and a European Climate Law in the first 100 days of the Commission's mandate. At the same time, I welcome your commitment to lead the EU towards at least 50% emission reductions by 2030, and towards climate neutrality by 2050.

As you know, since its foundation over 125 years ago, Philips has committed to sustainable business by continuously looking for ways to improve our operations, products and supply chains. Being a sustainable business enables us to drive growth, identify cost savings, reduce our exposure to risk and build trust with our stakeholders.

Our latest five-year program, 'Healthy people, Sustainable planet', running from 2016-2020, will help us achieve our mission of improving people's lives. By 2020 our ambition is, among other things, to increase green revenues to 70% of sales, generate 15% of sales from circular revenues and become carbon-neutral in our operations, using 100% renewable electricity. We will also amplify our impact across our extended supply chain.

Already in 2018, 90% of our global energy requirement was provided by renewable electricity. The opening of Windpark Krammer in The Netherlands in May 2019 allowed us to power 100% of our Dutch operations by renewable wind energy.

On the other hand, in 2018, we compensated 330 kilotonnes of carbon emissions by financing carbon reduction projects in emerging regions. This covers the sum total of the direct emissions from our sites, all our business travel emissions, and all our ocean and parcel shipments within logistics.



I would be glad to meet with you at the earliest opportunity to exchange further. As Philips, we hope to have the chance to engage in an active and ongoing conversation with you during your mandate, in particular about the transition towards a circular economy in the health sector. By complementing and supporting each other's activity, we can succeed in designing a purposeful Green Deal for the EU.

I wish you a good start and best of success in your new position and look forward to congratulating you in person in the near future.

Kind regards,

