

Cabinet of Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Title and date	Meeting between President von der Leyen and [redacted] of the FRT [redacted] held on 25 October in Berlin
Participants	<p>Björn Seibert, Head of Cabinet Florentine Hopmeier, Member of Cabinet</p> <p><i>External participants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ [redacted] FRT ▪ [redacted] Vodafone
Summary	<p>The discussion focussed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ REPowerEU: participants underlined the need for urgent action on energy prices, especially for energy-intensive industries. The President outlined the EU's REPowerEU plan, including energy savings, investment in renewables (including permitting), as well as diversification. ▪ The European Year of Skills 2023: participants outlined the ERT's reskilling pilot projects with Portugal, Spain and Sweden. The President welcomed ERT's efforts and outlined the European Year of Skills will be an opportunity to promote skills across the Union. ▪ EU competitiveness: participants underlined the need to foster the EU's competitiveness and expected this to be a key topic under the Swedish Presidency.