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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you again for all the details you shared! Very useful.

We tried to change the agenda for the day but sadly the First Vice-President will not be able to join the event. If possible, I would come from our Cabinet's side as part of the audience.

Thank you again and wishing you a good week!

Kind regards,  
Helena

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is just to confirm that our event on 31<sup>st</sup> January from 8.30 to 10 will take place at the offices of **Hogan Lovells on 23 rue de la science** (the same venue where VP Katainen

spoke last year). We will send a detailed speakers briefing to VP Katainen beforehand and I can of course arrange a call with Grzegorz as well.

Helena / Sebastien, I will wait to hear from you regarding the possibility of another commissioner attending.

Looking forward to seeing and reacting to the long-term climate strategy, the previews on Euractiv suggest it will be a useful contribution from the European Commission.

Kind regards

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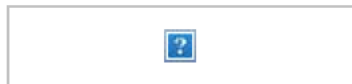
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Hi Helena

Good to hear from you, I hope you had a good weekend.

Just to clarify, I wasn't suggesting to have more than two Commissioners, I think that would be too many and I imagine that logistically it would be very complicated for you. I was just suggesting that it could be a good idea to have two Commissioners at the event, as this would give them the opportunity to demonstrate again publicly the cross-departmental approach the Commission has been taking when developing the objectives and key measures set out in the Circular Economy Package and Plastics Strategy. If that's of interest and a possibility, we'd be happy to be guided by you as to whether VP Timmermans or Commissioner Vella would be best placed to speak alongside VP Katainen.

Specifically, I would envisage the format to be as follows, although we are of course flexible on how the commissioners could divide their focus:

- Aldersgate Group provides a 5 minute introduction, reflecting on the business case for an increasing circular economy, the achievement of the CE Package to date and based on some of our recent business case studies, highlighting next steps for the next Commission / EU institutions;
- One Commissioner provides an 8 to 10 minute overview of the progress and economic benefits that the CE Package / Plastics Strategy could help deliver and provides his views on next steps;
- One Commissioner provides an 8 to 10 minute overview of the progress made to date on the Package and Plastics Strategy but with a focus on the environmental benefits that the package could trigger and provides his views on next steps;
- Four business panellists make a series of 3 minute interventions to set out their views on the progress made by the Commission's CE Package / Plastics Strategy to date and sets out his views on the next steps.
- 30 minute Q&A with a business, media and civil society audience to debate progress to date and next steps.

Another way to divide time between two Commissioners would be to have one focused on the CE Package as a whole and the other focused more on the Plastics Strategy. We could also put the business panel interventions between the two Commissioner interventions to make the event even more dynamic (as was the case at the Sky Ocean event in May, where the business panel spoke in between VP Timmermans and Commissioner Vella).

I hope this helps and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much. It was a pleasure to see you too.

Regarding the event, I would just kindly ask you to give a bit more information about the envisaged format so that it would be clearer what would justify the participation of more than two Commissioners.

Thank you again!

Kind regards

Helena

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Dear Grzegorz / Helena / Sebastien,

It was a pleasure to see you all briefly on Monday morning.

As discussed, we would be happy to set up a business event in late January / early February to look at the progress achieved by the existing Commission on the circular economy / plastics agenda and discuss what should be the next steps after 2019. I think that existing Commissioners being seen at this event would provide them with a very good public opportunity to show the progress made to

date. If you are comfortable with that, it could also be an opportunity to briefly touch on the progress achieved by the Commission in other related areas, such as the Sustainable Finance Action Plan (a topic on which we have done a lot of work) and the Commission's long-term climate strategy coming out next week.

We could organise an event on the dates set out below and put together a panel of 5 senior business speakers from the manufacturing, retail, engineering and ICT sectors and I would also suggest having Celine Charveriat from IEEP as we have been supporting them on their Think 2030 project, which touches a lot on the circular economy and focuses on priorities for the next Commission.

**It would be great, as discussed, if we could have VP Katainen speak at this event and if you think that is possible, a second commissioner (such as VP Timmermans or Commissioner Vella) would add a lot of weight and help reflect the cross-departmental approach that the Commission has been taking on this agenda. Could you confirm whether that would be possible and can you give me a sense of which dates below would work best?** We would suggest an 8.30 to 10am slot but we could also look at holding a lunch time or early evening event.

- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.
- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

We could also consider the following Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February but Parliament will be in Strasbourg that week which could reduce attendance and make it harder for some business panellists.

I look forward to hearing from you. Once we have clarity on dates, I can of course, if needed, send formal invitation letters.

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