

Cabinet of Commissioner Kadri SIMSON - Minutes of Meeting

MEETING CONCLUSIONS

Title	Meeting between Commissioner Kadri Simson and ENGIE representatives
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Participants	<p>Ext : [REDACTED]</p> <p>COM: Commissioner Simson ; Thor-Sten Vertmann ; [REDACTED]</p>
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	Disclosure authorization : <input type="checkbox"/> YES - <input type="checkbox"/> NO - <input type="checkbox"/> Partial (pls highlight unauthorized parts)
Issues raised & follow-up	<p>Points of discussion</p> <p>Commissioner Simson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission will adopt Energy System Integration and Hydrogen strategies tomorrow / 8 July. • ESI as the roadmap for energy policy of the current Commission. • Three pillars: energy efficiency and circularity; electrification; renewable fuels for hard to electrify sectors. • Other priorities by end-year: Offshore; Renovation Wave. <p>Claire Waysand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENGIE’s views are largely converging with views expressed in ESI and H2 strategies. • ENGIE is very involved in the development of biomethane and green hydrogen. Also renewable electricity and nuclear. • We have to be careful about the role of electricity in heating. Risks of increasing peak demand. • In the short run, natural gas plays a role to decarbonise our system – in those countries operating coal plants. • Need for a proper regulatory framework and funding framework at EU level to support the deployment of green gases, especially biomethane. Also in the short-term context of post-Covid recovery. There are strong pipelines of projects ready to start in several EU MS. • Overall, best trajectory to decarbonisation is to rely on “both feet”, electricity and gas. Taxonomy should recognize that. • The framework should enable a variety of technologies to grow and compete. • ENGIE supports a floor for carbon pricing. The mechanism should be robust and simple. Not needed to create new tools, new taxes, but use existing instruments.