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TEN-E

Dear Laure, Helena, Kitt,

FYI – please see here the report from our B1 colleagues on the meeting they had last week with Dan Nica (RO), S&D coordinator in ITRE

***Bilateral meeting [REDACTED], HoU B1, with MEP Dan Nica (S&D/RO), ITRE coordinator for the S&D and [REDACTED] (S&D policy advisor) on 21 Jan 2020, on PCI list and TEN-E revision***

- MEP Nica called for a change in the way the Commission works with the European Parliament and justified the motion against the PCI list as a reaction to the Parliament being “taken by surprise” by the delegated act;
- Informed that the Parliament is working towards tabling an oral question with a resolution ahead of the February plenary asking for a new TEN-E Regulation in time for the 5<sup>th</sup> PCI list;
- MEP Nica welcomed the fact that the European Green deal foresees an anticipated TEN-E review and proposal to align energy infrastructure objectives with the decarbonisation agenda;
- On the process, called for an early involvement of the Parliament in the drafting of the proposal, along the lines of an “extensive exchange of views” currently carried out in the context of the negotiations on the Horizon Europe. This extensive exchange of views would entail discussions, rather than exchange of documents.
- On the substance, insisted on the importance of the security of supply angle he personally favours, but warned against the rising anti-fossil fuel positions amongst MEPs. Another aspect he is particularly in favour of is the importance of gas as a bridge fuel for those Member States that want to phase out coal;
- Regarding the process for the revision of the TEN-E, [REDACTED] reiterated Commissioner Simson’s commitments to addressing MEP’s concerns, notably regarding their involvement in the process. Whilst the work on the 5<sup>th</sup> PCI list has kicked-off in line with Commission’s obligations based on the TEN-E regulation currently in force, the PCI process and the regional group meetings will be held throughout 2021, thus after the scheduled adoption of the review proposal by the Commission at the end of 2020.

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Also FYI – in view of the EP plenary debate/vote on the PCI list in February, B1 is also preparing a **GRI fiche for this week’s GRI** as an information fiche, which should reach you tomorrow.

Kind regards



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