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- On the **Green Deal** in general, Mr Bloss promised that the Greens would be very ambitious, which the DG welcomed, hoping that energy would play an important role in it while at the same time ensuring a cost-efficient transition and the security of supply. The energy efficiency first principle needs to be emphasised once more (especially in view of the buildings sector) as even renewable energy comes at a price that has an impact on affordability and competitiveness. Energy sources need to become more sustainable, even though gas will remain an important source in view of the phase-out of coal. For Renewables, offshore projects would offer a big potential. Other instruments like state aid guidelines or the industrial strategy would also play a crucial role. But apart from any possible new elements or initiatives of the Green Deal, the

implementation of the Clean energy package and the NECPs will be decisive when it comes to reach carbon-neutrality by 2050. The **governance** system would help closing any gap of the 2030 targets.

- Mr Bloss is also particularly in favour of an increase of the **renewables ambitions**. The DG informed him that the Commission would reassess the modelling in the next nine months to have solid modelling and impact assessment as a basis for a decision on targets.
- Concerning the **4th PCI list**, Mr Bloss regretted the high amount of gas projects, hoping for an ambitious review of the **TEN-E regulation** next year, that would include sufficient sustainability criteria and provide for mandatory impact assessments. Any new gas infrastructure would need to be future proof and capable to transmit (green) hydrogen and other modern types of gas. The DG agreed that the TEN-E regulation would need to mirror the new ambitions of the Green Deal and informed about the upcoming evaluation in that regard.
- On the **Just Transition Fund**, Mr Bloss called for a strong conditionality of any funding in relation to decarbonisation, which the DG welcomed as well. She would actually count on the support of the EP in that regard.
- Mr Bloss and his team were also concerned about the low **renovation rate in the buildings sector**, especially in the private sector due to financing problems there. They would like to see a new focus of the Commission addressing this problem. The DG agreed that this was a serious challenge. Any initiative would need to respect the principle of subsidiarity, e.g. imposing direct obligations on tenants or landlords could not be done at EU level. One would need to find solutions, e.g. see whether specific financial products could be initiated, or local initiatives for example under the Covenant of Mayors could tackle the issue.

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