

## Report on the bilateral meeting of Com-des Kadri Simson with MEP Morten Helveg Petersen (RE/DK) on 26 Nov in Strasbourg

On the **PCIs**, Mr Petersen sees the 4th PCI list as a piece of legacy of the previous Commission. However, in order to avoid the tabling of an objection in ITRE he asked the future Commissioner to present high ambitions in the committee on 5 Dec in view of both the timeline of the revision of the TEN-E regulation and its content. It would need to be aligned with the 2050 ambitions, so any climate impact assessments and sustainability criteria would be highly appreciated by ITRE (at least RE, S&D, Greens).

On **offshore windpark projects**, he suggested to introduce special coordination entities, similar to the Regional Cooperation Centres (RCCs) under the electricity regulation. The latter focus more on land, but offshore windparks would require special spatial planning, taking into account all special needs of the sea (e.g. environmental, fishing, defence aspects).

Ms Simson was open to this idea and encouraged Mr Petersen to keep in touch on this topic. She also mentioned a special initiative on offshore windpark the Commission was discussing with DE in view of its Council presidency in 2020/2.

In view of the **State of the Energy Union report**, Ms Simson assured Mr Petersen that this would be kept as an annual report as set out in the Governance regulation and was open to his suggestion to present this in plenary as a regular exercise. In Petersen's view this would help MEPs to not forget about all five dimensions of the Energy Union and remind them frequently that work on this valuable endeavour was still ongoing.



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**Commissioner-designate Simson will focus on offshore wind following meeting with MEP Morten Helveg Petersen** [Denmark, ENERGY]

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Børsen reports that after MEP Morten Helveg Petersen wrote a letter to the three European Commissioners-designate responsible for the climate, energy and environment about the need for a massive expansion of offshore wind, Mr Petersen had a coffee meeting with Commissioner-designate for Energy Simson. Ms Simson asked Mr Petersen to explain his letter and afterwards told Mr Petersen that she would put the issue on her list. Mr Petersen stated to Ms Simson that he fears that the EU member states will not realise the full potential for offshore wind power and Ms Simson agreed.

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(ECR/PL), ITRE coordinator for ECR, on 26 Nov in Strasbourg**

On the **4<sup>th</sup> PCI list**, Mr Krasnodebski sees gas projects as a very important part of it; without gas projects the energy transition would not be possible in countries like Poland. Therefore, he is rather concerned about any movement in other political groups that would go against the list.

He is equally concerned about the recent **EIB decision on its future lending policy** and considers it counterproductive in view of countries like PL, RO, HU or SK. He wonders whether the announced **Just Transition Fund** would be able to compensate those disadvantages at all - five bio EUR would not be enough; the energy transition just in PL alone would need 210 bio EUR. But even countries like DE and NL would struggle with the social implication of the transition.

Ms Simson explained that at least the projects of the 4<sup>th</sup> PCI list would still be exempt from the new EIB lending policy and thus still be able to get financing; the same would be true for future co-generation projects. On the just transition, the money would need to partly come from the new MFF, partly from fresh money, and some from voluntary national initiatives; state aid implications would also need to be addressed in this regard.

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