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The Director-General

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email:

Dear Mr,

Thank you for your letter of 25 November 2020 on the European Clean Hydrogen Alliance and the role of gas infrastructures in that context.

Delivering on the objectives of the Hydrogen strategy for a climate-neutral Europe is likely to require in the medium term the availability of infrastructure for transporting hydrogen from supply facilities to demand centres, including repurposed pipelines and hydrogen storage facilities. Therefore, we welcome the engagement of Gas Infrastructure Europe in the development of the clean hydrogen value chain in Europe.

The European Clean Hydrogen Alliance is expected to play a catalysing role in building a pipeline of viable projects and an investment agenda towards the objective of climateneutrality. Since its launch in July this year, there have already been almost 1000 signatories to the Alliance, which shows the great interest of stakeholders to participate in this endeavour.

The Alliance is now entering into a new operational phase with the work of thematic roundtables, including one on clean hydrogen transmission and distribution, starting in January 2021. I look forward to our further cooperation in the context of the European Clean Hydrogen Alliance in implementing the objectives of the new Hydrogen strategy for a climate-neutral Europe.

Yours sincerely,

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