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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [HIESINGER Stefanie \(CAB-TIMMERMANS\)](#); [REDACTED] [\(CAB-TIMMERMANS\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Ares(2019)7582563 ERT Letter to the attention of Executive Vice President Timmermans  
**Date:** jeudi 12 novembre 2020 14:25:50  
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Dear [REDACTED],

My sincere apologies for getting back to you so late. As I said to [REDACTED] on the phone, we would be interested to having a virtual meeting with you so that you can present this to us in more detail. On our side, this would be a few members of the cabinet, possibly extended to relevant Commission services. If that is still fine with you, [REDACTED] (in copy) can be in touch to find a date.

Best regards,  
 Antoine

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**From:** [REDACTED]@sap.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 5, 2020 2:25 PM  
**To:** HIESINGER Stefanie (CAB-TIMMERMANS) [REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu>;  
 COLOMBANI Antoine (CAB-TIMMERMANS) [REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu>  
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Dear Antoine,  
 Dear Ms. Hiesinger,

I am more than happy to share further information on the SAP Climate21 program. Attached you will find a SAP Position Paper that provides a brief overview of Climate21. We have also established a global online community for the program where you can find more information ([Climate 21 Community](#)).

In a nutshell: Upon request of customers across industries and geographies, SAP has launched the SAP Climate21 program that will provide new software solutions to allow companies to better understand and optimize the carbon footprint of products and operations, along the entire supply chain. The tool provides insights into carbon usage by product, plant or profit center, reveals production steps or raw materials causing high emissions and initiates corrective measures such as buying raw materials with a lower carbon footprint, replacing energy-inefficient machines with more modern ones. In essence, the solutions provides carbon footprint transparency enabling climate-responsible business decisions in day-to-day operations. SAP has established co-innovation projects with many customers in different industries to further advance the Climate21 software solutions.

The success of SAP Climate21 and similar solutions depends on globally recognized carbon accounting standards that still need to be created. We believe the EU can be the driving force within the OECD and other fora for the creation of a global carbon accounting regime as a market-driven approach towards a low-carbon economy.

We would be more than happy to set up a virtual workshop for Mr. Timmermans or for you and/or your services to walk you through the SAP Climate21 program, its current status and how it will evolve moving forward. We then could also share with you experiences of first-mover customers that are already using the solution. And obviously, we would also welcome the opportunity to discuss how we could leverage initiatives like the Value Balancing Alliance (VBA) to establish the much needed global carbon accounting standards.

Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime in case you have any questions.

Best regards,

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**Date:** Thursday, 30 July 2020 at 16:12

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Dear [REDACTED],

Apologies for the delay in responding to you. We would be interested in receiving more information in writing about this (you could send it to me and Stefanie Hiesinger, also a member of the cabinet – [\[REDACTED\]@xx.xxxxxx.xx](mailto:[REDACTED]@xx.xxxxxx.xx)).

Best regards,

Antoine

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ert.eu](mailto:[REDACTED]@ert.eu)>

**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 9:39 AM

**To:** COLOMBANI Antoine (CAB-TIMMERMANS)

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Dear Mr. Colombani,

I wonder if you had a chance to look at my message below? Your advise on who to talk to about "carbon accounting" as discussed with the Executive Vice President would be much appreciated.

Best regards,

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 29 June 2020 17:16  
**To:** [Redacted]@ec.europa.eu' <[Redacted]@ec.europa.eu>  
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Dear Mr. Colombani,

I would like to thank you and [Redacted] for your help in setting up the meeting with Frans Timmermans.  
The Executive Vice-President was interested in the carbon accounting solution presented by [Redacted] / SAP. Below you will find a short description. Could you please advise to whom within the Commission / cabinet we should talk about this issue? Many thanks.

Best regards,

[Redacted]

⇒ The SAP Climate21 program will provide new software solutions that allow companies to better understand and optimize the carbon footprint of products and operations, along the entire supply chain. The tool provides insights into carbon usage by product, plant or profit center, reveals production steps or raw materials causing high emissions and initiates corrective measures such as buying raw materials with a lower carbon footprint, replacing energy-inefficient machines with more modern ones. In essence, the solutions provides carbon footprint transparency enabling climate-responsible business decisions. The success of SAP Climate21 and similar solutions depends on globally recognized carbon accounting standards that still need to be created. We encourage the European Commission to work with its trading partners in the OECD on a global carbon accounting regime as a market-driven approach towards a low-carbon economy.

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Dear [REDACTED],

I hope everything is well on your side. I'm contacting you regarding the meeting foreseen on 25 June with EVP Timmermans. Could you please let us know what topics you would like the discussion to focus on, as well as who would be participating?

Best regards,  
Antoine Colombani