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### SHORT NOTES OF A MEETING

**Subject: ERT CEOs, Paris, 28 February 2022**

Main messages:

Following introductions by President Macron, Chancellor Scholz, President von der Leyen and President Michel, ERT CEOs provided comments.

Main messages noted (with a focus on energy):

- All CEOs said that Europe now comes first, business second.
- Need to use the next 9 months to be prepared for next winter in terms of energy.
- Now is the moment to go for a real Energy Union, including a true European hydrogen market and cross-border interconnectors.
- Need to speed up permitting for renewables.
- Integral link with digital agenda.

President von der Leyen left after a bit more than one hour in order to catch the train back to Brussels.

- *e-signed* -  
*Kurt Vandenberghe*