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Subject: Flash Report: DG GROW - EIT RawMaterials - operational management meeting 30 March 2022

Dear all,
Please, find below the flash report from our meeting on 30 March.
Presented:
DG GROW: Joaquim Nunes de Almeida, [REDACTED]
EIT RawMaterials: [REDACTED]

Main topics:

- Current geo-political situation:
 - Both sides exchanged on the current geo-political situation and related adverse impacts on energy supply and security of raw materials supply chains.
 - REPower Europe Communication – preparation of the Action plan – an opportunity for ERMA to deliver concrete investment projects and policy recommendations related to solar energy, heat pumps, battery RM and hydrolysers (Action Plan 2).
 - [REDACTED]
 - DG GROW also informed on the start of technical talks with Norwegian authorities on strategic partnership (initial scoping meeting).
 - EIT RM informed on intensive discussion in Germany on a new energy strategy covering also critical raw materials aspects (details not reported).
- ERMA Governance clarification
 - Following on previous exchanges, DG GROW clearly stated that ERMA was politically accountable to the EC Commission (represented by DG GROW) and as such we expect ERMA to deliver on the expectations mainly related to materialisation of identified CRM investment cases and supporting Commission in strategic RM partnerships dialogues and implementation; that if ERMA kept disputing this the Commission would have to think about alternatives to achieve its goals on CRM. At the same time DG GROW will not continue legal exchanges on the accountability and governance of ERMA with EIT RawMaterials.
 - EIT RM expressed clearly their understanding of the role, but also repeated their contractual obligation to their board and members. Also expressed the issue related to the lack of ERMA capacity especially related to increasing requests on international files.
- EIT RawMaterials outreach events with requested Commission presence:
 - EIT - Raw Materials for the Green Transition - Madrid – 5-6 April + follow up bilateral meeting with Spanish ministries. (DG GROW represented in person by Joaquim Nunes de Almeida and [REDACTED])

- EIT RawMaterials Summit – (Berlin 23 - 25 May) – Pending requests for VP Sefcovic and Commissioner Breton speeches + new request to DG GROW to participate in a dedicated WS on magnesium value chain in Europe

Kind regards



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