

Cabinet SIMSON - Minutes of Meeting

MEETING CONCLUSIONS

Title	Meeting with The Green 10
Date	02-03-2021
Participants	<p>Ext:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremy Waters, Secretary General EEB, and Chair of the Green 10 • [REDACTED], EEB • Ester Asin, Director, WWF EPO • Wendel Trio, Director, CAN • Dora Petroula, Deputy Director, CAN • William Todts, Executive Director, T&E • Jorge Riss, Director, Greenpeace EU • [REDACTED] EoE • [REDACTED], BirdLife • Mark Martin, Director, CEE Bankwatch <p>COM: Commissioner Kadri Simson, [REDACTED] (Cabinet member)</p>
Disclosure authorization :	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES - <input type="checkbox"/> NO - <input type="checkbox"/> Partial (pls highlight unauthorized parts)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting with the big environmental NGOs' umbrella organisation The Green 10 was convened on the initiative of Commissioner Simson. During the meeting, the NGOs expressed their views on the 'Fit for 55' package, in particular the revisions of the renewable energy and energy efficiency directives. • The Commissioner introduced the upcoming impact assessment for both of the directives (RED and EED), explaining that the main goal of the revision was to make sure that the directives are in line with EU's 2030 climate ambition. • Jeremy Waters presented The Green 10's main standpoints on the revision of the directives. Importantly, concerns about risks of negative impacts of forest bioenergy was raised in the context of REDII. • The Commissioner assured that to mitigate possible climate and environmental risks of unsustainable bioenergy production, the REDII already includes enhanced sustainability criteria, covering not only biofuels but also large-scale use of biomass and biogas in heat and power. • The Green 10 raised a question how to determine the right level of EED targets at national level and if they will be made binding targets. The Commissioner explained that at this stage all options are being considered. • At the end of the meeting, the Commissioner stressed that in the context of the revision of the two directives, the alignment to the Climate Target Plan, being guided by the 'energy efficiency first' principle, is essential.