Dear [Name],

We have just received the message that the college visit to Spain has changed from 6-7th July to the 3rd July. This means that the Commissioner is not available anymore on the 3rd July.

We have received this message only this morning, but I would already want to check whether it could be rescheduled to the 7th July? I have not been in contact with the Commissioner yet, but if this is an option I can propose it to her.

Regards,
Ruud

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From: KEMPENER Ruud (CAB-SIMSON) <xxxx.xxxxxxxx@xx.xxxxxx.xx>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 2:53 PM
To: KEMPENER Ruud (CAB-SIMSON) <xxxx.xxxxxxxx@xx.xxxxxx.xx>
Cc: (CAB-SIMSON) @ec.europa.eu; Office_CEO <xxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx>; @portofantwerpbruges.com; (CAB-SIMSON) @ec.europa.eu; @fluxys.com; @portofantwerpbruges.com; @fluxys.com
Subject: RE: [Reply]: Invitation to visit the Port of Antwerp-Bruges [Our ref. Ares(2023)831272]

Thanks Ruud,
Just spoke to [Name], we’ll come up with an integrated proposal for both visits in the next days.
Kind regards

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Dear Ruud,

Thanks for reaching out. From our side, we can be flexible.

I’m indeed liaising D from Fluxys, and we exchanged this morning about setting a more detailed programme. I’m copying them straight into this email, this will make coordination a whole lot easier.

Regards,
Ruud

From: portofantwerpbruges.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:16 PM
To: KEMPENER Ruud (CAB-SIMSON) >
Cc: (CAB-SIMSON) ; Office_CEO
Subject: RE: [Reply]: Invitation to visit the Port of Antwerp-Bruges [Our ref. Ares(2023)831272]

Dear Ruud,

Very pleased the visit is confirmed.

Because of agenda-issues, I was wondering whether there is flexibility to change the order and visit Fluxys in the afternoon and the port in the morning?

Happy to liaise directly with Fluxys, I guess you are in contact with PA of Fluxys?

Thanks in advance!

Van:

From: portofantwerpbruges.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2023 4:43 PM
To: KEMPENER Ruud (CAB-SIMSON) ; (CAB-SIMSON) ; Office_CEO
Subject: RE: [Reply]: Invitation to visit the Port of Antwerp-Bruges [Our ref. Ares(2023)831272]

Dear Ruud,

I can confirm our visit to the Port of Antwerp-Bruges on the 3rd July, and we are looking forward to the event.

On the same day, we are also planning to visit the hydrogen-ready pipeline that is being built by Fluxys (at the location of Lokeren). Our idea would be to visit the Fluxys pipeline in the morning (their proposal is 10.30 – 13.30), and from there visit the Port in the afternoon (ie, 14.30 – 17.30). Would this work from your side?

With best regards,
Ruud
Dear Ruud,

Thanks for your call and email. We are pleased to welcome the Commissioner on the 3rd of July.

Since we were in Hamburg that day and we unfortunately could not reschedule that business trip, one of the other members of the management committee will be there to welcome the Commissioner.

Unless there is flexibility in the Commissioner’s agenda? In which case we are available to look at a date that suits both her and our CEO.

Kind regards

Van: KEMPENER Ruud <xxxx.xxxxxxxx@xx.xxxxxx.xx>
Verzonden: dinsdag 30 mei 2023 11:03
Aan: @portofantwerpbruges.com>; @ec.europa.eu>
CC: @ec.europa.eu>; Office_CEO
Onderwerp: [Reply]: Invitation to visit the Port of Antwerp-Bruges [Our ref. Ares(2023)831272]

Dear,

As discussed on the phone, we have found an opportunity to make the Commissioner available for the 3rd July for a visit. Before re-scheduling her agenda, we would like to quickly check the availability from your side for a visit.

We would like to combine a visit of the Ports of Antwerp-Bruges with a visit to a project by Fluxys to develop a hydrogen-ready pipeline in the neighbourhood of Gent.

Please find my contact details below.

With best regards,
Ruud

European Commission
Cabinet of Kadri SIMSON, Commissioner for energy
BERL 8/138
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From: @portofantwerpbruges.com>
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 2:59 PM
To: CAB-SIMSON) @ec.europa.eu>
Cc: e (CAB-SIMSON) @ec.europa.eu>; KEMPENER Ruud (CAB-SIMSON) <xxxx.xxxxxxxx@xx.xxxxxx.xx>; Office_CEO
Subject: RE: [Reply]: Invitation to visit the Port of Antwerp-Bruges [Our ref. Ares(2023)831272]

Dear,

I’m happy to follow up on the earlier conversation between the Commissioner and and the interest to visit the port and continue
their exchange.

May I herewith bring [text redacted] below invitation to the Commissioner back to your attention, as you had advised earlier?

We would be honoured to introduce our port to the Commissioner at that occasion and exchange on how as energy hub we are engaged in the energy transition, on the challenges we meet and opportunities we identified. At the Antwerp platform we are hosting the largest (and very energy intensive) chemical cluster of Europe and the Zeebrugge platform is a crucial landing point for LNG for the EU internal market (15 pct). At both platforms the port, together with different stakeholders from the port community, are highly investing in the transition and host projects on CCS, renewable energy, hydrogen production and import, alternative fuels, etc. Depending on the time there would be for the visit we could focus on one of the platforms or combine both and show sites and projects that would suit best the Commissioner’s interest.

Looking forward hearing from you,

Kind regards and wishing you a nice weekend later on,

Van:

Verzonden: donderdag 16 maart 2023 9:31
Aan:
CC:
Onderwerp:

Dear

Thank you for your email. Fully understand the Commissioner has a very busy schedule.

We look forward exchanging in the course of April on the possibilities to visit the port.

Kind regards,

Van:

Verzonden: woensdag 15 maart 2023 13:28
Dear [Name],

Following up with your email of 2 February below, I regret to inform you that the Commissioner Simson has to decline your kind invitation to participate to the high-level meeting that will take place on 25-26 April as she will be travelling on those dates.

Regarding the invitation to visit the Port of Antwerp-Bruges, we are not in a position to give you a formal reply, but we will follow up on this request later by mid-April.

Don’t hesitate to contact us again end of April if you hear back from us.

Best regards,

European Commission
Cabinet of Kadri SIMSON, Commissioner for Energy

From: [email]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 4:59 PM  
To: [email]  
Cc: [email]  
Subject: RE: Invitation to visit the Port of Antwerp-Bruges

Dear Commissioner,

May I kindly remind you the e-mail below?

Best regards

Van: [email]  
Verzonden: donderdag 2 februari 2023 15:19  
Aan: [email]  
Cc: [email]  
Onderwerp: Invitation to visit the Port of Antwerp-Bruges

Dear Commissioner,

It was a pleasure to meet you last week in Davos! I would like to take the opportunity to follow up on our conversation and kindly invite you to visit the Port of Antwerp-Bruges.

Last week my team reached out to your assistant to explore when a visit could
take place (email 26/01 from [redacted], in cc). May I herewith suggest a concrete opportunity where we could combine the port visit with a high level dialogue on stepping up decarbonization of industries and where we would be honored to welcome you as keynote speaker.

On 25-26th April, we will host the World Economic Forum’s Transitioning Industrial Clusters Initiative meeting. The initiative works with major industrial hubs globally, including the Port of Antwerp-Bruges, on acceleration of their transitioning and decarbonization. It fosters international cross-industry partnerships as well as deepening of public-private collaboration. The Port and the Forum have invited government representatives of major industrial EU nations as well as the UK to join a high-level dialogue with the industry on policy frameworks and business actions needed for faster decarbonization. I believe this dialogue is of the highest relevance to ensure not only a timely transition but also an increase of Europe’s competitiveness on the global stage.

We would be honored if you could join us and share your perspectives in a keynote speech, as well as delegate representatives from your team joining our policy roundtable.

I would also like to take the opportunity to show you the port during a heli flight and showcase our ambitions. At around these dates we plan to launch the Hydrotug, the world’s first hydrogen-fueled tugboat, and later during this year we will also launch the Methatug, which is a retrofitted tug with methanol dual-fuel engines. We also recently did ground-breaking for the PureCycle’s plastic recycling plant, which is an important part of NextGen District, is a global hub for businesses seeking to advance the circular economy. The Port of Antwerp-Bruges’ NextGen District is committed to creating an innovation hotspot where companies dedicated to building a circular economy and developing sustainable solutions to some of the world’s toughest climate and environmental challenges can thrive.

My team and the Forum would be pleased to work closely with your team to identify the best timeslot in your agenda, and to ensure that your participation is of the greatest relevance for you and the European Commission.

With kind regards,
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