Dear Pierre-Arnaud, Dear Caroline,

I’m just sending short preparatory information ahead of Monday’s meeting.

As discussed, Eurometaux (myself) and Euromines will be joined by representatives of three mining companies with European projects. These companies were selected as they are all different from each other in terms of size, portfolio, areas of activity, and together indicate the range of project types in Europe.

I attach the participant biographies, and two background presentations for Boliden and Talga (which will not be shown in the meeting, but provide you with contextual reading on their activities).

- **Boliden** is an established Swedish/European metals and mining company operating in Sweden, Finland, Norway and Ireland (copper, nickel, zinc, lead, precious metals, cobalt)
  - It has significant copper and zinc projects in planning, building on its European presence

- **Talga Group** is a new company focusing on the battery anode value chain
  - It has investment plans for a graphite mine and anode plant in Sweden (first of its kind in Europe)

- **Rio Tinto** is a major multinational mining company operating across the globe (iron ore, copper, aluminium, lithium, and more)
  - It has a major lithium mining project in Serbia (discontinued earlier this year by government decision) and a nickel/copper/cobalt project in Finland

A proposed agenda for Monday is as follows. We can adjust this based on your preferences and experience in the meeting itself.

1. **Introduction (5 minutes)**
   - Opening and context from Eurometaux and Euromines
   - Meeting expectations from European Commission
2. **Company introductions (15-20 minutes)**
3. **Five-minute opening statements from the three companies, explaining their projects and bottlenecks**
4. **Proposals for EU policy (10 minutes)**
   - First ideas for new critical raw materials legislation from Eurometaux and Euromines
5. **Q&A and discussion (20-25 minutes)**
6. **Wrap-up and next steps (5 minutes)**
We’re looking forward to talking to you on Monday.

Best,

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, 22 July 2022 15:55
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Ares(2022)4958159 Follow-up

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your feedback and for the confirmation for the fully online meeting on the upcoming Monday 25th of July at 11h00 as well as the confirmation for the transparency register numbers of the company.

It would be great if we can ask you to issue the Teams’ link and send it please to the herebelow participants:

Mr Pierre-Arnaud PROUX, Member in the Cabinet of EVP Vestager (Pierre-
xxxxx.xxxx@xx.xxxxxx.xx)
Ms Caroline BOESHERTZ, Member in the Cabinet of EVP Dombrovskis (xxxxxxxx.xxxxxxxxx@xx.xxxxxx.xx)

There will be an additional colleague from Secretariat-General who will also join (the name and email address will follow).

Also to be on the safe side, the link can also reach:

[Redacted] who is assisting Ms BOESHERTZ
And myself, [Redacted]

We remain at your disposal for additional information and further queries.
Thank you a lot in advance for your kind support and with kind regards,
Dear [Name],

That is correct: no people will come to the Berlaymont. I also confirm the transparency register information.

Best,

Sent from my iPhone

On 22 Jul 2022, at 10:17, [Name] wrote:

Dear [Name],

Thank you for your message. Could you please confirm that you meant a meeting fully virtual so if my understanding is correct, no delegate will come to the Berlaymont at all?

Thank you in advance for your kind feedback and with kind regards,

Best regards,
Pierre-Arnaud Proux
Dear [Name],

Thanks for this information. On reflection, we suggest having this meeting as a fully virtual one to give a level playing field to all participants (hybrid discussions can be hard to run effectively). Only two of the five delegates would have been able to join in person. (A follow-up face-to-face could be considered after summer break sometime, involving the others that would have wanted to attend this discussion).

- Would a digital-only meeting be ok from your side?
- Is a Teams meeting possible? We had some issues last time with WebEx (both Pierre-Arnaud and one of our colleagues)

I’m happy to send a Teams invite through if easier.

Best,

[Name]

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presentational meeting on **Monday 25th of July at 11h00** (Berlaymont building, rue de la Loi, 200 – B-1040 Bruxelles) and in a hybrid mode for the representatives of the companies Eurometaux, Euromines, Boliden, Talga and Rio Tinto, who will not be able to join the meeting physically. Would the Webex platform work for them?

It would be great indeed if we could have your final confirmation on the Transparency register numbers. Euromines (62722978644-95) is also in order of Transparency register number.

Attached for your convenience, you will find the table for the access credentials for the participants that will join in the Berlaymont. We remain at your disposal for additional information and further queries.

Wishing you a lovely rest of the afternoon and with kind regards,

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From: Pierre-Arnaud (CAB-VESTAGER) <Pierre-xxxxxx.xxxxx@x.xxxxxx.xx>
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 1:24 PM
To: Pierre-Arnaud (CAB-VESTAGER) <Pierre-xxxxxx.xxxxx@x.xxxxxx.xx>
Cc: Pierre-Arnaud (CAB-VESTAGER) <Pierre-xxxxxx.xxxxx@x.xxxxxx.xx>
Subject: Re: Ares(2022)4958159 Follow-up

Dear [Name],

Thanks for your feedback and proposals.

I can confirm that Monday 25 July at 11.00 works for the full delegation: Eurometaux/Euromines/Boliden/Talga/Rio Tinto.

We will join through a mixture of in-person and online attendance: I hope a hybrid set-up is possible.

You have listed the right companies: I will double check their transparency numbers when collecting other information on their attendance.

Please let me know what other information you need from us in advance.

Best,

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On 18 Jul 2022, at 10:31,
Dear [Name],

As discussed over the phone, the meeting will take place exclusively with Mr Proux. Indeed Ms Canenbley will not be available for the meeting. We can propose the following slots for next week as there will be more ‘openings’ in his calendar:

Monday 25/07, Wednesday 27/07 or Friday 29/07 at 11h00 CET.

Also in line with the transparency rules, we would like to ask you whether it would be possible to check that the companies taking part in the meeting have the correspondent transparency register numbers as followed:

- Boliden Group :482997418651-48
- Talga Group Ltd :465433243069-58
- Rio Tinto :991744840418-06

We remain at your disposal for additional information and further queries.

With kind regards,

[Name]

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From: [Name]  
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 8:01 AM  
To: [Name]  
Subject: Re: Ares(2022)4958159 Follow-up

Dear [Name],

Do you have any update on whether the meeting will be possible tomorrow after 16.00, or whether we should organise for the following week(s)?

Thanks for your feedback.

Best,

[Name]  
Sent from my iPhone
On 13 Jul 2022, at 17:57, wrote:

Dear 

I am so sorry to bother again with logistics aspect in view of the smooth process of the meeting on Monday. When possible, could you please revert back to me with the information for each participant as per table attached and as well as their positions/titles?

I am very pleased to welcoming you and on Monday at 10:45, my mobile phone is just in case. Thank you for your help and with kind regards,

From: 
Sent: Thursday, July 7, 2022 12:28 PM 
To: 
Subject: Ares(2022)4958159 Follow-up

Our internal references to your request:
Ares(2022)4958159

Dear ,

On behalf of Cabinet of the Executive Vice-President Ms Vestager, I am following-up on the previous exchange you had with Mr Pierre-
Arnaud Proux, in order to ensure the smooth logistics for the meeting. We would like to propose to you the timeslot of **Monday 18th of July at 11h00** between yourself and Mr Proux in the Berlaymont premises (Rue de la Loi, 200-1040 Bruxelles).

On the day of the meeting, I will be pleased to welcoming you at the reception. You will please find hereby some indications in order to prepare the meeting.

- **Smooth access to the building, Welcome centre:**

  In order to smooth access to the Berlaymont building, we would like to ask you to help us in providing you “V-Pass” for the participants to the meeting by filling in the attached form and return it back to us with information. Once we receive it back from you, we will immediately request a V-Pass and QR codes will be issued and will be sent automatically to the participant(s). We will ask our colleagues at the reception to prepare your badges in advance so we gain time on the day of the meeting. Once you reach the Berlaymont building, you are invited to go through the new Welcome centre on the left side entrance of the building if you stand facing the Berlaymont. Should you have the opportunity, it would be great if you could come 20 minutes prior the start of the meeting to go through the different procedures. You will also be invited to pass through the X-Ray checks with our apologies for this inconvenience. I will be awaiting for you at the reception inside the Berlaymont. Just in case, you will find my contact details hereby (+32 489 02 90 77).

- **Parking spot:** In case you come by car and you need a parking spot, we would request a place for you on the
Esplanade, upon availabilities. We would then need the name of the driver, date of birth, nationality, ID number and expiry date as well as the model of the car and the license plate to proceed.

- **Names and titles of the participants:**
  Mr Pierre-Arnaud Proux, Member in the Cabinet will be participating and will be accompanied by [redacted] as well as a colleague (name to be determined) from the Secretariat-General.

- **Transparency regulation**
  We would like to draw you attention on the fact that, for transparency purposes, after that the meetings takes place, we will have the obligation of publishing it in the Transparency Register of the European Commission. Your organisation is perfectly in order in the register. “The Cabinet does not intend to communicate actively on the content of this meeting. However, in line with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, minutes can be made accessible to the public upon request (without any disclosure of protected interests)”. Attached you will find the legislation for your information.

- **Preparatory call**
  Mr Pierre-Arnaud Proux would be available for about 15-20 minutes at 10h30 CET on Tuesday 12/07 and on Thursday 14/07 or at 11h00 CET on Wednesday 13/07. Would one of the proposed slots be convenient for you?

I hope to have covered the main aspects and it will be a pleasure receiving suggestions and queries from you so that we could prepare the meeting in the best conditions.
We remain at your disposal for additional information and further queries. Thank you in advance for your help and with kind regards,

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 9:45 AM
To: PROUX Pierre-Arnaud (CAB-VESTAGER) <Pierre-xxxxxx.xxxxx@xx.xxxxxx.xx>
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Follow-up

Dear Pierre-Arnaud,

Thanks for your follow-up, and apologies I wasn’t available to reply already last week.

We would be very pleased to organize a discussion on EU mining with you for the second half of July. I copy in Director General of Euromines (the European mining association, a Eurometaux member), who will be involved too in this.

See below some dates that would work on our side:

- 18 July after 11
- 20 July all day
- 25 July after 11
- 26 July after 11
- 27-28 all day

If you could pick a few options, we can then look at putting our delegation
together. A 15 minute prep call might be useful this week or the next just to confirm what’s most useful for you here.

Best,

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From: PROUX Pierre-Arnaud <Pierre-xxxxx.xxxxx@xx.xxxxxx.xx>
Sent: Sunday, 26 June 2022 18:20
To: 

Subject: RE: Follow-up

Dear

Thank you again for this very interesting meeting. I was thinking following our discussions and of course if you deem it appropriate that it may be useful to have one follow-up meeting focused on mining in the EU with mining companies, members to discuss what concrete actions at EU level could promote / would be necessary to develop mining in the EU. Do you think it would be possible to have such a discussion somewhere in July? (I have personally no constraints, I will be in Brussels all Summer).
Dear Pierre-Arnaud,

Thank you for today’s rich discussion on the metals/raw materials challenge of Europe’s clean energy goals.

In follow-up, we’d be pleased to help organize a set of focused roundtables with experts from companies/other fields on a set of topics you define. If you send a topic list through, we can already begin work on that ready for when you return in July.

Best,

PS. On the IEA’s coverage of “critical minerals”, see here a recent article echoing our report’s focus (although for some reason not mentioning rare earths):
https://www.iea.org/commentaries/critical-minerals-threaten-a-decades-long-trend-of-cost-declines-for-clean-energy-technologies. Their World Investment Report on 22nd June will have a full chapter on critical minerals I think, so also worth keeping an eye out for

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