Dear Colleagues,

Please find below a flash from last Friday's meeting of EVP Maroš Šefčovič with heads of associations of gas consuming and energy intensive industries.

With many thanks to [NAME] who prepared this summary.

Kind regards,

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**Title:** 2nd Roundtable with associations of gas consuming industries and EI’s

**Date + Where:** 2 February 2024, 13:00 – 14:15, BERL

**Participants:** EC:

- Associations: Fertilizers Europe; Cerame-Unie; CEFIC; European Aluminium; Eurofer; Cembureau; Glass Alliance Europe; Euratex; CEPI

**Disclosure authorisation:** □ YES - □ NO - □ Partial (pls highlight unauthorized parts)

**Presentations and discussions:**

Main points: The points discussed at the meeting went beyond just AggregateEU and the mid-term product towards wider Green Deal topics.

- Mid-term product well received; associations will inform their members
- Green transition to be addressed from perspective of industrial policy and competitiveness; exchange with industry will continue (e.g. Clean Transition Dialogues)
- Industry experiences challenges related to electrification and grid connection

Chair EVP Šefčovič opened the meeting by linking farmers protests to competitiveness of EU economy. After, EVP touched upon EU energy markets and the upcoming market survey on longer-term products. ENER provided details on the new mid-term product and plans on H2 pilot mechanism.

**Interventions:**
EVP closing remarks:

- ENER available for dedicated seminars with associations' members
- ENER to reach out for more info on local barriers to participation (esp. Fertilizers Europe)
- Next COM: to be seen what Green Deal will be like. Decarbonising without losing jobs, industry.
- Need a single market for the Green Deal: e.g. many existing funds supporting green funds within national borders. A lot of good legislation not enforced due to Covid, war etc. Need to do an inventory; see where we need to accelerate.
- Creation of H2 market in EU, production close to consumption point. Look at whether only green or also low-carbon.
- Grids: big point of attention
- CBAM: how to deal with exporters? Protection of EU market, but exporters can lose competitiveness.