Dear Mr Cooper,

I would like to thank all associations and business leaders representing Energy Intensive Industries for a very good and useful exchange and dialogue on the key challenges and opportunities related to the transition to carbon neutral industry in the EU that took place during our meeting on 4th of September.

The key points summarised in your 14th of September letter and the recently published final report of your contribution to the ELI Strategy for long-term gas emissions reductions will be a good base for our further work on the EU's strategy.

Your contribution provides for the first time a common cross-sectoral vision on the industry's transition towards carbon-neutrality. It is a very good start with a number of open questions remaining that will require further reflections. I assure you of my and Commission services' readiness to continue our constructive dialogue with Energy Intensive Industries on transition of the EU industry to carbon neutrality while preserving and enhancing its international competitiveness.

I kindly ask you to distribute this letter to the other associations and business leaders representing Energy Intensive Industries in the 4th September meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Elżbieta Bieńkowska