

**Adina VĂLEAN**  
European Commissioner  
Transport

Bois-Colombes, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Subject: meeting request**

Dear Commissioner,

I am contacting you in my capacity of [REDACTED] of GRTgaz in order to request a meeting in the framework of the ongoing debate regarding the energy and ecological transition, and the key role that the energy infrastructure can play in making the shift to a low-carbon economy a reality, including the deployment of sustainable mobility and transport solutions in Europe.

GRTgaz is a leading gas transmission and LNG terminals operator in Europe. The company operates a 32 000 km transmission network and three of the four LNG terminals in France, as well as the MEGAL pipeline in Germany, a strategic European gas infrastructure connecting the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria and France.

As a Transmission System Operator (TSO), since our creation which stems from the implementation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Energy Package, we committed to ensuring security of supply to consumers, to fostering an open and competitive gas market, as well as to connecting territories and communities with the utmost respect for the environment. Today the climate change poses different challenges ahead of us. GRTgaz has committed itself to the energy transition with the aim of helping to implement the "3<sup>rd</sup> gas revolution" and preparing its network to accommodate renewable gases and the arrival of hydrogen.

The use of gases in transport (notably road and maritime sectors) provides an efficient solution for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality. GRTgaz encourages the emergence of these alternative fuels by promoting the development of necessary infrastructures.

As a member of ENTSOG Board and [REDACTED] of the Energy WG at Hydrogen Europe, I closely follow and welcome the European Commission initiatives in the framework of the European Green Deal, including the CO2 standards, the TEN-T and the AFID revisions, which set the groundwork that will allow the EU to play a leading role in the environmental transition at the international level.

With this in mind, I would like to be able to meet you to present the Group's activities, as well as to discuss the future role of Europe's infrastructure in delivering the energy and ecological transition as well as sustainable mobility solutions.

Thank you for your attention to my request and I am at your disposal to organize this meeting according to your availability, by videoconference given the health provisions in force.

Yours sincerely,

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