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Dear Commissioner Dombrovskis,
Dear Director-General Berrigan,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the 4 European gas distribution system operator associations – Eurogas, Cedec, Geode and GD4S. Please find attached a letter relating our position regarding the Taxonomy Regulation Delegated Act.

The signatories, represent the vast majority of the EU's 1500+ gas DSOs, their 2.2 million km of pipelines and the hundreds of thousands of European workers they employ. We are committed to the objective of climate neutrality in 2050 and believe that the development of a comprehensive taxonomy will help the EU to fulfil its 2030 and 2050 objectives.

We are convinced that decarbonisation can only be achieved through adequate consideration, support, development and adoption of the necessary gaseous solutions, and that the extension of the gas network should be considered among the environmentally sustainable investments in the delegated act currently being drafted when it contributes to significant greenhouse gases emissions (GHG) reduction, in full alignment with the taxonomy regulation. Extending the gas network, particularly the distribution system, will be necessary to connect new renewable and decarbonised gas assets to the grid. The European Investment Bank has recognised this in their own lending guidelines and thus we believe that there should be comparability between the public and private financial sectors.

We remain available for a meeting on this matter and at your disposal for any follow up questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Looking forward to your response,

Best wishes

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