

Informal discussion with Stellantis – Minutes

Date: 12 November 2021, 1:30pm

Topic: Semiconductor production and current shortages in Europe

Participants:

Stellantis: [names of participants]

Commission: Lucia BONOVA (member of Cabinet EVP Vestager), Pierre-Arnaud PROUX (member of Cabinet EVP Vestager), [DG COMP participant not occupying senior management position]

Main discussion points

The Commission enquired about the main causes of the current chip shortage. According to Stellantis, the current shortage is due to a number of factors, including the increase in demand of silicon-rich consumer products, the roll of 5G, electrification of vehicles and new game consoles, in addition to some events like storms and fires at plants.

The potential for innovative semiconductor manufacturing in Europe was discussed. According to Stellantis, while it is true that increasingly more leading edge chips will be used in the car in the future, the car industry will also need legacy nodes because reliability and safety are important considerations. So Stellantis believes that investments should also go towards mature nodes.