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Mr Frans Timmermans
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1040 Brussels

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Subject: Participation in live TV-style debate, 'Getting Zero-Emission Trucks on the Road', 22 November

Dear Mr Timmermans,

It is my pleasure to invite you to join me personally in **Brussels** on **22 November** for a **live-streamed policy/science/industry debate** on **'Getting Zero-Emission Trucks on the Road'**.

European commercial vehicle manufacturers are well on the way to implementing their strategies for a rapid decarbonisation of road transport.

Indeed, all EU truck manufacturers have started, or are in final stages before, the series production of battery-electric trucks as one of the key zero-emission technologies for heavy-duty road transport. Manufacturers are also working on hydrogen-powered trucks as the second zero-emission technology pathway for road transport.

We are convinced that zero-emission trucks will have to become the backbone of road transport rapidly if the sector is to reach its decarbonisation targets. As an industry we are strongly committed to provide the right vehicles. Their widespread market uptake, however, is heavily reliant on enabling conditions: most notably an EU-wide network of truck-specific infrastructure, a comprehensive carbon pricing policy and other facilitating policy actions. Key building blocks of such a comprehensive policy framework have been set with the 'Fit-for-55' package.

I would be most grateful if you could join me to discuss the challenges and opportunities specifically addressing heavy-duty road transport during a **TV-style debate**, which will be broadcast from the green-key studio at **BluePoint** (Boulevard Auguste Reyers 80, 1030 Brussels) to an online audience on **22 November, 10.30-12.00** (preceded by a short technical rehearsal).



As Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal, your perspective would be highly relevant in this timely debate which will coincide with important political developments on EU's climate package, and come just ahead of the proposal for revised CO2 emissions standards for heavy-duty vehicles.

I do hope you can join us on 22 November, when I would also be delighted to take the opportunity to show you one of our latest electric trucks!

Best regards,



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