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**Subject:** RE: Ares(2019)2385996 Invitation to deliver the keynote speech at the ECOS conference, 13 June 2019: "Plastic in a circular economy: rethink, reduce, redesign!"  
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On behalf of Ms Helena Braun, Member from the Cabinet of the First Vice-President of the European Commission, Mr Frans Timmermans:

Dear [REDACTED]

Once again, thank you for your mail and kind invitation sent on behalf of ECOS, a member of the Rethink Plastic Alliance to the First Vice-President of the EC, Mr Frans Timmermans to deliver the keynote speech at the ECOS conference which will take place on 13 June 2019 in Brussels.

We carefully checked and explored all possible options but I am afraid that Mr Timmermans regrettably, is unable to give a positive response to your invitation due to already taken institutional commitments on that day in question and he conveys his best wishes for a successful event.

Mr Timmermans passes his regrets for not being able to attend and believes that there will be future opportunities for him to participate.

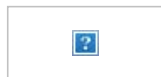
Thank you in advance for your understanding and wishing you all the best.

With best regards,

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**Cabinet of First Vice-President Frans Timmermans**



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Dea [REDACTED],

Thank you for the request for further information.

This conference will explore how to rethink the way we design plastics for them to fully integrate circular economy principles. Plastics should be designed for a long useful life, at the end of which they should be easy to disassemble, fit for re-use, or easily recyclable. We believe that ecodesign principles should be integrated into key policy tools. During the event, ECOS will present its new report, drafted by VITO/Ökopol, which will assess key

policy options available to ensure products containing plastics are designed for circularity, targeting key sectors such as packaging, electronics, automotive and construction. The launch of the report would then be followed by two panel debates.

To open the conference we would like FVP Timmermans to deliver the (only) keynote speech (time foreseen 09:15-09:40), with a focus on the work carried out so far by the EC as part of its Plastics Strategy, and future policy options. Both were outlined recently by the EC on 4 March with the launch of the report on the implementation of the Circular Economy Action Plan, and the SWD "Sustainable Products in a Circular Economy - Towards an EU Product Policy Framework contributing to the Circular Economy".

The draft programme of the event is attached, including now the venue confirmed (BIP, rue Royale 2-4).

The expected audience would be key Brussels influencers, and based on ECOS' significant positive engagement with industry, we would expect to attract key industry representative and environmental NGOs.

Please do let me know if you would need any further information to help with your decision-making process, and we can of course be flexible with the agenda if needed.

Best regards,

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With regard to this kind invitation, we would like to kindly ask you to provide us with some more information related to the following aspects:

- ✓ What is the exact role foreseen for Mr Timmermans?;
- ✓ Programme of the event,
- ✓ Other speakers involved,
- ✓ Expected audience,
- ✓ Any other relevant information which you might consider necessary to pass onto us.

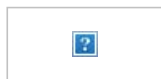
Thank you in advance and looking forward to your feedback.

Kind regards,

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Dear First Vice President Timmermans,

Please find attached an invitation to give the keynote speech at the ECOS conference on 13 June 2019.

Best regards,



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