



European Round Table for Industry

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Dear Executive Vice President Timmermans,

Beste Frans,

On behalf of the Members of the European Round Table for Industry (ERT), I warmly congratulate you on your appointment as Executive Vice President of the European Commission.

As a forum of about 55 CEOs and Chairs of multinational companies with roots in Europe, we are convinced that Europe, led by a strong European Union, has the potential to accelerate sustainable growth, turning (global) challenges into opportunities. Especially, making Europe climate neutral will require coordinated action between governments, civil society and the private sector.

As European business leaders we support the targets in the Paris Climate Agreement and the European Green Deal's ambition of making Europe the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050. In addition to the indisputable climate benefits, the Green Deal – backed up by a strong industrial and energy policy – can present an important business opportunity, by spurring innovation and enabling the EU to assume global leadership in low carbon technology, creating new skills and jobs, and promoting win-win solutions for industry and society through circular economy.

Remembering your outstanding key note speech at our Plenary Session in Amsterdam in May 2016 and in continuation of the regular dialogue between ERT and your predecessors, the ERT Members would like to propose to meet you for an exchange of views on how we can turn the Green Deal in a success for Europe.

Our secretariat in Brussels will reach out to your cabinet as soon as possible.

We wish you every success for your term of office.

Yours sincerely,

ERT Committee on Energy Transition & Climate Change
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