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Dear Vice-President Timmermans,

Please find enclosed an open letter from 226 scientists, financial institutions, and civil society organisations expressing their alarm about the attack against the European Taxonomy by fossil fuel lobbies and Member States.

We criticise the European Commission's proposal to classify fossil fuels as environmentally sustainable. This directly contradicts all recommendations made by climate science and by the Commission's Technical Expert Group and will turn the EU Taxonomy into a greenwashing tool.

**We have no time for false solutions. This is why neither coal-to-gas nor cogeneration (CHP) should be included in the Taxonomy.**

Furthermore, this move will undermine and discredit the European Green Deal and the EU's global climate leadership. With countries across the globe developing similar taxonomies, this precedent could also lower global ambition, resulting in countries labelling a broad range of fossil fuel investments as sustainable.

We hope you will listen to this urgent call from scientists, financial institutions, and civil society, reject the proposal to classify fossil gas as sustainable, and produce a taxonomy that truly sets the EU on course to meet its Green Deal targets.

WWF would be happy to exchange with you and your staff on this pressing issue.

Kind regards,

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