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WHO	Meeting with Cefic represented by Marco Mensink - Director General, [REDACTED] - Cefic [REDACTED], [REDACTED] - Cefic [REDACTED], [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] Cefic [REDACTED]
WHEN	1 December 2020, 11:30 – 12:00
WHERE	Online
WHY	Topics for discussion: (i) H2 Alliance, (ii) Chemicals Strategy Round Table, enforcement, innovation agenda, (iii) Upgrade of industrial policy
MESSAGE	<p><u>European Clean Hydrogen Alliance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The key objective of the Alliance is an investment agenda that supports an ambitious deployment of hydrogen technologies in line with the EU Hydrogen Strategy; the Alliance will deliver a project pipeline until 2030. • The project pipeline will be drafted with support from the Roundtables, based on project proposals from Alliance members and maximising synergies along the value chain; it is expected to be ready by end of February. • Active participation of the chemicals industries in the preparations of the project pipeline will be mutually beneficial for the industries and the clean hydrogen value chain, helping to optimise the deployment of large clean hydrogen projects along the full value chain. This is especially relevant, as currently the fertilisers and petrochemicals industries are the biggest users of hydrogen. <p><u>Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement of chemicals policy remains key for GROW. We will further improve enforcement of EU rules internally and at the borders by (i) strengthening the ‘no data, no market principle’, (ii) audits in EU countries and (iii) setting uniform conditions and frequency of checks for specific products. • We will establish a high-level round table with experts from industry, science and the civil society to achieve the Strategy’s objectives in dialogue. The round table will focus on how to make the chemicals legislation work more efficiently and effectively, but also on how to boost the development and uptake of innovative safe and sustainable chemicals across sectors. • The transition to safe and sustainable by design chemicals requires innovation. The Strategy will steer and support industry in its green transition; the Recovery and Resilience Facility encourages Member States to invest in projects facilitating green and digital transition; the Commission will provide support through its financial instruments and research and innovation programs. <p><u>Upgrade of industrial policy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update of our industrial policy - to take into account the lessons learnt from the COVID crisis - was announced by President von der Leyen and will be presented by Q2 of 2021. We are mapping the value and supply chains for each industrial ecosystem to identify needs and mobilise tools where they are most needed. • This mapping will enable us to target our collective efforts to most needed areas such as financing, regulation, trade and competition policies, partnerships and transversal initiatives such as Alliances; as these will bring benefit to several industrial ecosystems at the same time. I am firmly convinced that such inclusive approach that places our industry and our single market at the centre will be key to our recovery.

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