

Cabinet SIMSON - Minutes of Meeting

MEETING CONCLUSIONS

Title	Meeting with Equinor and TAP
Date	04/02/2022
Participants	TAP: [REDACTED] Equinor: [REDACTED] COM: Kadri Simson, Stefano Grassi, Barbara Glowacka, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
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	TAP briefly presented the expansion plans and stressed the importance of the EU's support. Equinor explained its longstanding cooperation with Socar and its commitment to work in Azerbaijan. Both were confident that the gas reserves are sufficient to justify the expansion. The Commission stressed that Azerbaijan is a reliable partner for the EU and crucial supplier of gas to the EU market. The Commission in particular inquired on how quickly TAP's capacity could be expanded and up to what capacity.