Dear [Name],

Thank you very much for your message, we are very grateful for this opportunity and looking forward to the meeting! I will come back to our coalition members to confirm the slot, but we are most likely heading towards a meeting on Monday 15th at 2PM.

Have a lovely day!

Best regards,

[Organization Name]
Following up with your updated request to meet with the Commissioner Simson at the beginning or mid-May, I am pleased to inform you that Ms Simson has agreed to meet your coalition of organisations gathered under the “10 points plan” on Monday 15 May or Thursday 16 May for one hour, either at 10:30 or 14:00.

Please let me know which time slot would be most convenient for your delegation.

Looking forward to hearing back from you,

Best regards,

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I would also like to highlight that for reasons of public transparency, Commissioners and Cabinet members only meet organisations or self-employed individuals that are registered in the EU Transparency Register (see here: http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister). Therefore, I would kindly invite you to register if you haven’t yet done so, and send me your registration number before the date of the meeting.

From: @euroheat.org
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:39 AM
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Cc: WEIDENBACH Anne Katharina (CAB-SIMSON) <@ec.europa.eu>; (CAB-SIMSON) <@ec.europa.eu>; (CAB-SIMSON) <@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: RE: Thank you and follow-up [Our ref. Ares(2023)1603527]

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you very much for your reply.

Could I ask if there is any other suitable slot, maybe beginning/mid-May?

Clean heat technologies represented under the 10 points plan coalition have a unique and largely untapped value proposition to help the EU face the energy and heating crisis.

District heating and cooling networks, for example, are the only energy infrastructure enabling both the use of local renewable heat sources (e.g., sustainable bioenergy, geothermal, solar thermal), and the recovery of excess heat from industrial and urban sources. A recent study demonstrated the significant potential of excess heat recovery: it could meet most of the EU heat demand for buildings and hot water! DHC is also a critical infrastructure to develop thermal storage: 100 times cheaper than battery storage and the only mature technology able to provide monthly and even seasonal storage. Today, more than 60 million EU citizens are supplied by our networks and could benefit from a coordinated EU action for the modernization, expansion, and decarbonization of DHC networks.

Most of the organisations gathered under the “10 points plan” rarely had the chance to present their views to Ms Simson – when it comes to Euroheat & Power, our last meeting dates back to pre-covid times.
It would be great if we could find a suitable moment to meet, we would strive to make this exchange as relevant and efficient as the busy times require. We could, for example, focus on practical measures to be implemented/developed in the next 2-3 years to complement the REPowerEU.

I look forward to your reply and remain at your disposal for further information.

Kind regards,

[Signature]

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Dear [Name],

On behalf of Anne Weidenbach, I would like to thank you very much for your kind reminder. I regret to inform you that we have to decline your meeting request with the Commissioner Simson due to a very busy agenda in the month of April, in particular the week of 17 April where Ms. Simson will be travelling.

Best regards,

[Signature]

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European Commission

Cabinet of Kadri SIMSON, Commissioner for Energy
Dear [Name],

I hope you had a great weekend!

I wanted to kindly follow-up on the email below. Did you have the chance to exchange with Commissioner Simson and/or cabinet colleagues on the organisation of a meeting in the week of April 17th?

We will have a call with our 10 points plan partners by the end of the week, and it would be great to be able to provide them with an update 😊

Of course, and as discussed during the meeting, we are fully flexible to adapt the timing if more convenient for Mrs. Simson!

I look forward to your reply and wish you a lovely week.

Best regards,

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Dear Anne-Katherina, dear Thor,

Thank you very much for your time last Friday. It was great to discuss practical solutions on how to unlock efficient renewable and clean heat solutions, such as modern district heating and cooling systems!

You will find enclosed the presentation used during the meeting, feel free to come back to us should you have any subsequent question regarding our proposals/recommendations.

I would also like to follow-up on some elements we discussed:

- **Thermal Energy Storage (TES):** Large-scale Scale Aquifer and Pit Thermal Energy Storage for District Heating and Cooling are also developing, with about 6000 projects in western Europe alone (see presentation enclosed). Several projects have demonstrated their ability to provide heat storage over several months, which is quite unique in the current technological landscape of the energy transition (more information on this report from RHC ETIP). On this video from the EU Heat Roadmap project, you will also find good insights on the complementarity/benefits of TES solutions compared to electric storage, including their stunning cost-efficiency of TES technologies (about 100x cheaper than battery storage).

- **Meeting on the 10 points plan to accelerate the heating transition (document enclosed):** We would be very happy to organise a meeting enabling the 11 organisations which have co-sign this initiative, to present "quick wins" and actionable solutions to tackle the energy crisis. As discussed, we will ask the Secretary generals of each association to make themselves available on the week of the 17th of April. Let us know if this week is still good to match the availability of DG ENER colleagues and eventually Commissioner Simson, and we will do our best to adapt to the most suitable time-slot.

- **On the upcoming EPBD trilogue negotiations:** We have had good discussion with the rapporteur Ciaran Cuffe, on the need to adapt the definition of ZEB during trilogue negotiations. We have published an opinion on the matter in Euractiv and will request a meeting with Ms. Claudia Canevari upon your suggestion!

During the last Strasbourg session, we have also organised a very interesting debate with MEPs on the need to foster our heat decarbonisation. It was very motivating to see the shared interest with MEPs from various countries (notably Poland, Romania and Bulgaria), in developing a suitable framework for DHC modernisation and decarbonisation. We look forward to pursuing the conversation with you and present you our recommendations for a EU Heat framework, which we aim to release during our annual conference in November 2023.

Last but not least, Anne Katherina. I am aware that you have already had preliminary exchanges with our Market Intelligence Director Eloi Piel, regarding the foreword of our Annual Market outlook which could be written by Mrs. Simson. We believe it would send a great political message to the sector at a time where decarbonising heat has never been more urgent. Let us know how to proceed with this request!

Thank you again and do not hesitate to contact us for support/information!

Best regards,
Hi,

Would it be possible to start slightly earlier, e.g., 13h45 or even 13h30? Anne needs to be somewhere else at 14h (but I will still be available).

Sorry for the last minute,

Thor

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From: VERTMANN Thor-Sten (CAB-SIMSON) <vertmann.89@ec.europa.eu>
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Subject: RE: Follow-up from our exchange today at the CoR

Dear,

Thank you for your email.
You will find enclosed the Vpass document, and our transparency register number is: 88457577025-19.

Thank you for welcoming us in the building. We will indeed be arriving my foot.

Best regards,
Dear [Name],

In order to have the access badges prepared, I would need the following information:

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I would also be very thankful if you could give the transparency register number.

Will you reach the Berlaymont on foot?

I will be at the reception to welcome you. It's always advised to arrive about 10 minutes in advance of the starting time of the meeting in order for you to have enough time to go through the security check and start the meeting on time.

Best regards,

[Signature]

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Cc: [g]euroheat.org, WEIDENBACH Anne Katherina (CAB-SIMSON) <[g]ec.europa.eu>
Subject: RE: Follow-up from our exchange today at the CoR

Dear Thor-Sten,

Thank you very much for following up, we would be delighted to meet you and Anne on Friday, 2PM.

Dear [g]euroheat.org let us know how to proceed and looking forward to this exchange.

Best regards,

[Signature]

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Hello.

The response is long overdue, but still – happy to schedule a chat to hear more about your suggestions first-hand. Two possibilities in near future: this Friday at 14h or Monday 13 Feb anytime from 15h onwards. Would you be available to meet Anne and myself? on cc can please kindly help with the access to our premises.

Regards,
Thor
Dear Thorsten,

It was great to meet you at the CoR earlier.

As discussed, you will find enclosed the 10 points plan to accelerate the EU heat transition, a declaration with concrete recommendations to phase-out fossil fuels in heating which was endorsed by 10 EU organizations. At this occasion, we had requested a meeting with Mrs. Simson together with the associations' 10 Secretary Generals (see email below), to present these recommendations. It would be the occasion of a practical exchange on how to roll-out local and fossil-free heating solutions, which is a necessity to decarbonize, diversify our energy supply and protect our consumers from soaring energy prices.

While accelerating wind and solar deployment is a no brainer, electricity supplies only 5.8% of household heating today. On the other hand, 32 independent studies pointed out that if RES hydrogen is a suitable solution for industry and transport decarbonization, it cannot massively contribute to decarbonize heating. We are missing a piece in the puzzle in the Repower EU, regarding the important role of heating and cooling networks. The good news is that it also means we have another string to our bow, yet unexploited!

It would be great to have an opportunity of meeting with you and Anne Katherina, to present in more details the concrete contribution of heating and cooling networks to Europe's security of supply and heating decarbonization. Dear @WEIDENBACH Anne Katharina, congratulations on your new role. We look forward to continuing the great collaboration! Would you two have some availability in the next days or weeks for a proper introduction? You will find enclosed an abstract presentation which covers the main aspects we could discuss.

Lastly, could I kindly ask for your support to follow-up on the request below, to organize a meeting with Mrs. Simson, yourselves and the 10 organizations which contributed to the redaction of the 10 points plans. We would make
Dear Commissioner Simson,

I would like to express the strong concerns of the heating and cooling community on the absence of proposal to accelerate sustainable heating sources and technologies, as part of the upcoming 2023 Work Program.

Today's energy security crisis is a heating crisis. Heating accounts for 50% of EU energy demand, 42% of which is supplied from natural gas. Solutions exist in Europe to phase-out fossil fuels in heating, by rolling out renewable and sustainable waste heat sources, and efficient heating technologies such as heat-pumps. These solutions are locally owned, climate-friendly, ready to deploy and affordable. In the next 5 years, they can deliver concrete results to save gas, shield
European consumers from soaring energy prices and strengthen the resilience of our energy system.

Six months after the REPower EU, we must complement emergency measures with concrete proposals to make this happen. The 'Fitfor55' package is an important step in this direction, but it is by no means enough to reap the full potential of renewable and sustainable waste-heat solutions, bringing Europe on the path to climate neutrality and energy independence.

You will find enclosed a joint declaration signed by Euroheat & Power, Bio-energy Europe, the European Heat pump Association (EHPA), CEE Bankwatch Network, Solar Heat Europe, Energy Cities, the European Geothermal Energy Council (EGEC), the European Partnership for Energy and Environment (EPEE), COGEN Europe and the European Biogas Association (EBA), highlighting a 10-Point Plan to accelerate the EU heat transition. The 10-point plan covers a range of measures, some of which may be integrated into the next batch of EU emergency measures or integrated in a fully-fledged EU heating and cooling strategy.

We need a new, robust heating and cooling strategy for Europe. It must include concrete regulatory and financial instruments to accelerate the roll-out of renewable heat and sustainable waste heat sources in buildings, as well as the uptake of efficient heating technologies, such as heat pumps.

We remain at your disposal for further clarification and would be delighted to present this 10-Point plan at the occasion of a meeting, together with the Secretary generals and CEOs of organizations that took part in this initiative.

Best regards,

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