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Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your message and the attached documents, which is well received. We will share it with the relevant services so that it is duly taken into account.

Best regards,

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Dear Celine Gauer, John Watson and François Arbault,
We have the pleasure to send you below a statement from 10 organisations, that highlights the need to stick to the threshold of 100g CO₂/KWh for electricity generation in the EU Taxonomy.

The statement is accompanied by two new very short briefings coordinated by Climate Bond Initiative, presenting:

- Seven key points about the EU Taxonomy's 100g emissions threshold and why it is the correct threshold science-wise
- The hidden emissions from gas-fired power, due to fugitive methane emissions along the full life cycle: 40% of EU gas imports come from Russia, the country with the highest contribution to global methane emissions from oil and gas; and 36% of EU gas imports come from the US as liquefied natural gas (LNG), a product that uses a further 25% to fuel the process of liquefaction and transportation: this extra amount means that the power produced from LNG emits more emissions than power from coal.

Please do not hesitate to ask us if you have any questions. With my best regards,

Statement about how new unabated gas-fired power has a higher-than-expected GHG footprint, compromises EU climate commitments and should be kept out of Taxonomy:

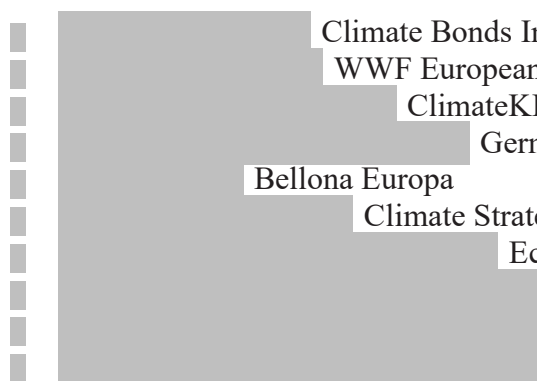
We call on EU member States to maintain the EU TEG's science-based emissions threshold for electricity generation. The robust approach to (unabated) gas for electricity generation in the EU Taxonomy is under scrutiny.

The EU Taxonomy proposes a threshold of 100gms CO₂/KWh for electricity generation. There is pressure to allow a much wider role for unabated gas.

Unabated gas has no long term future as an energy source in the EU and elsewhere, especially as methane leaks are much higher than previously thought. As a result it is not certain that gas is better than coal.

We call on the European Commission to implement the Technical Expert Group's 100gms threshold, as per the Draft Act published in November 2020.

Signed:



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