

Short debrief- meeting between Arunas Ribokas and [REDACTED])-
28/10/2021

I had a short meeting with Equinor today. Equinor's [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] requested to meet the Commissioner, but were not in a position to organize it. Instead we arranged this short meeting.

Equinor debriefed on their position concerning the implementation of the EU offshore energy strategy and reform of the renewables energy directive, Equinor's contribution to a sustainable blue economy as well as hybrid offshore wind opportunities in Europe. He in particular spoke about their offshore wind farms development, their renewables strategy, with the aim to become a global major to have 12-16 GW of capacity in place in 2030, their commitment to sustainability. I took note, there was no discussion on that.

He was also interested to learn more about the recently adopted new EU Arctic Strategy, in particular on the proposed moratorium for further development of extraction of oil, gas and coal in the Arctic. I presented the Arctic Communication in general, including the relevant provisions on the proposed moratorium, which was a continuity of COM policies on the matter, and the Commission and the EEAS will look at the concrete steps how to implement them.

A.Ribokas