

Report of the meeting

Participants	<p><u>Interlocutors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED], Veolia; • [REDACTED] Veolia; • [REDACTED] Veolia. <p><u>COM:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EVP Timmermans; • Helena Braun, Member of Cabinet; • Antoine Colombani, Member of Cabinet.
Objective of the meeting	<p>[REDACTED] Veolia [REDACTED] wished to meet EVP Timmermans as soon as possible, in order to discuss the Green Deal, the European water policy, waste (and recycling) and circular economy.</p>
Issues raised & follow-up	<p><i>Veolia supports the Green Deal.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a multinational, Veolia wants to promote European environmental practices at global level. • At European level, using existing funding should speed up our green and energy transitions. [REDACTED] was particularly committed to the implementation of the Green Deal and spoke in favour of ambitious objectives. • Veolia has set itself the objective of energy self-sufficiency at all its sites within 5 years through the installation of photovoltaic panels on its buildings, factories and covered landfills. <p><i>Water</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water reuse is the solution to water scarcity. This non-drinking water can be used for activities such as watering, cleaning streets and industrial sites, washing vehicles, etc. • In Spain, 15 % of water from treatment plants is reused, 100 % in Israel and 0.1 % in France. • [REDACTED] proposed two regulatory options to encourage recycling of purified waste water: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – imposing binding targets, i.e a mandatory water reuse targets in the annual consumption of the Member States; – prohibiting the use of drinking water for outdoor cleaning activities, and use instead purified water. • Specific water distribution networks for purified waste water will have to be installed, similar to what exists in Spain. • Substantial water savings would be achieved through the renovation of current networks, some of which are so old that they cause up to 50 % losses in some cities.

