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**Importance:** High

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Dear [redacted],

I hope you are well.

I am writing to you to respectfully follow up on our invitation for Mr. Timmermans to deliver the keynote address at our upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> annual Dii Desert Energy Leadership Summit, taking place in Dubai on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

His contribution would be the Opening Keynote Session on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> November from 09:15 to 09:25 am to highlight EU-MENA energy ties to achieve climate neutrality by 2050. We can also accommodate a pre-recorded message. Please find attached the latest agenda and here below some of the high-level confirmed speakers (please refer to the agenda for the full list):

1. Peter Terium, Managing Director of Energy, Water and Food, NEOM
2. Paddy Padmanathan, President and CEO, ACWA Power
3. H.E. Yousif Ahmed Al Ali, Assistant Undersecretary, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, United Arab Emirates
4. Ahmed Ali Al-Ebrahim, Chief Executive Officer, GCC Interconnection Authority
5. Jamila Matar, Director Energy, League of Arabs States
6. Katherina Reiche, Chairperson, German Hydrogen Council
7. Mohammed Ghazali, Secretary General, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development, Morocco
8. Chafer Boulakhras, CEO, Sonelgaz, Algeria
9. Ad van Wijk, Member of Dii Desert Energy's Advisory Board, Professor Future Energy Systems, TU Delft
10. Frank Wouters, Chair, Advisory Board of Dii Desert Energy and MENA Hydrogen Alliance

For further information about Dii Desert Energy & the MENA Hydrogen Alliance, please visit our website [here](#) and the Dii Summit 2021 page [here](#).

I remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

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**To the attention of:**

**Mr. Frans Timmermans**  
**Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal**  
**European Commission**

Dear Mr. Timmermans,

[redacted] and [redacted], cooperating in [Dii Desert Energy](#), would like to invite you to give a (pre-recorded video or live) keynote address at Dii's upcoming Annual Conference in Dubai on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021. This would give further shape to our common view of the importance of North Africa and the Middle East for EU's long-term Green Energy strategy and cooperation (a.o. 'North Africa-EU Hydrogen Manifesto' and 'Green Hydrogen for a European Green Deal, A 2x40GW Initiative').

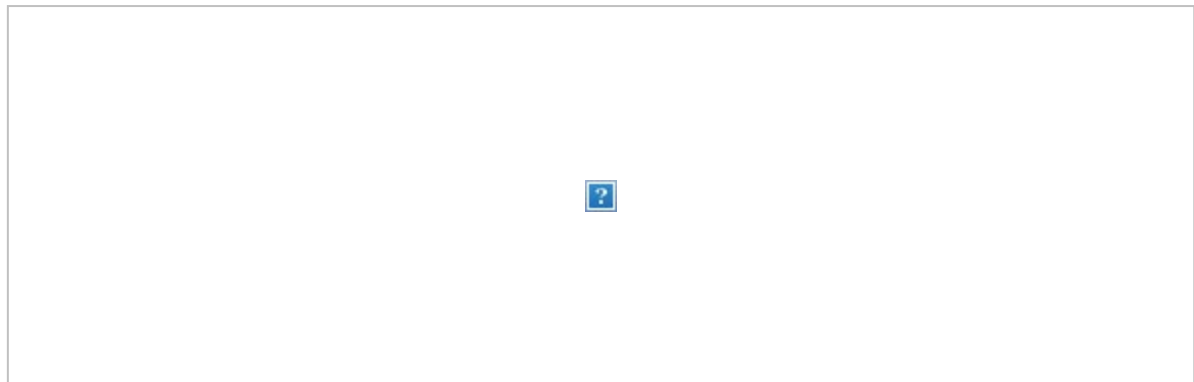
The 11<sup>th</sup> Dii Desert Energy Leadership Summit theme is 'The decade of the acceleration of the energy transition in MENA'. It will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> November in Dubai, at the W Dubai – The Palm hotel.

In 12 years' time Dii's work has evolved from a rudimentary 'Desertec Vision' (initially mainly concentrated on power from the deserts for Europe, 'Desertec 1.0'), then from 2015, based in Dubai, focusing on clean energy for the region (Desertec 2.0). In recent years we have evolved as the market enabler for 'green electrons' and 'green molecules' (notably hydrogen, ammonia and e-fuels) from the deserts of MENA for MENA's own benefit and as an emerging exporter in a global context (Desertec 3.0). The conference will, thus, be fully dedicated to the energy transition developments in the Arab region along the energy value chain of power generation, conversion, transport, storage and - last but not least - flexible demand and global trade.

In this light, we would be pleased to highlight the European Commission and your leadership in clean renewable energy development in Europe and far beyond. This is an excellent opportunity to present the Commission's vision, strategy, projects and achievements over the years. As Europe is a real first mover worldwide, it will therefore be exciting for the audience to hear your view at the Summit.

We enclose the draft program and the invitation letter for your consideration. Your contribution would be the Opening Keynote Session on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> November from 09:15 to 09:25am. We would be very pleased if you could attend the Summit and deliver the keynote address.

We remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.



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