

Dear Executive Vice-President Timmermans and Commissioner for Energy Simson,

We would like to congratulate Ms Von der Leyen for her efforts in favor of an ambitious EU 2050 climate objective at the December European Council. We thank her for mentioning at this occasion the necessity for the Commission to consider a 100 % Renewable Long Term Scenario.

Citizens all over Europe have shown that the serious risks of climate change are at the heart of their concerns. Especially the younger generation encourages us to move faster towards fully sustainable technologies. We believe these concerns have to be taken seriously and as leaders, we have the responsibility to show the younger generation that they are being heard.

The Commission's Communication "A Clean Planet for All", which was published in November 2018 was an important step in this direction and seized upon a unique momentum, to create a vision, which can respond to the expectations of the European citizens.

While we welcome this vision, we also express our wish for a scenario consisting of *100 % Renewable energy in 2050 and notably 100% in the electricity sector.*

Renewable energies are competitive, create jobs and growth in Europe and will exponentially expand if Europe continues its efforts.

Therefore, we welcome your commitment to work on a scenario based upon a hundred percent renewable energy in view of a carbon neutral economy by 2050. We invite you to initiate this work as soon as possible (i.e. in the impact assessment process of the Climate Law). We trust such an exercise will be based on a robust modelling that includes up-to-date and comprehensive cost assumptions for all technologies.

Respectfully yours,

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