



Mr Frans Timmermans  
First Vice-President of the European Commission

Tallinn, 27 September 2019

**Subject: The European Green Deal – Support of the Network of Europe’s Environment Protection Agencies**

The ambitious plans of the European Commission President-elect for a European Green Deal were welcomed by the European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Agencies (EPA Network) at their meeting in Tallinn on 26-27 September 2019. We are writing to offer our full support for the pursuit and implementation of this agenda.

The initial priorities set out under the European Green Deal are also the priorities of many Environment Protection Agencies in Europe. We work across the continent on climate change mitigation and adaptation, biodiversity protection, pollution control and the circular economy. The priorities of a just transition and sustainable finance are also rising on our agenda. We organise our collaboration at European level in a series of Interest Groups to share expertise. As such, we are the network that can provide the solid evidence base, monitoring and practical implementation experience when it comes to the design and delivery of the Green Deal.

We would therefore appreciate an opportunity to discuss this with you again in the light of your strategic leadership of the Green Deal.

We would be delighted to invite you to take part in our next plenary meeting in Berlin on 20-21 April 2020 to discuss how the EPA Network might support the Green Deal. Given the urgency of the challenges, a small delegation of Heads of EPAs could also come to Brussels to meet you as you lead the work on the European Green deal in the first 100 days of your new mandate.

Yours sincerely,

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Maria Krautzberger  
President  
German Environment Agency

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Taimar Ala  
Director-General  
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