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## The time to withdraw the proposal to include gas and nuclear in the EU taxonomy is now

Dear President **von der Leyen**,  
Dear Vice-President **Timmermans**,  
Dear Vice-President **Dombrovskis**,  
Dear Ms **McGuinness**,  
Dear Mr **Sinkevičius**,  
Dear Ms **Simson**,  
Dear Sir or Madam,

The EU Commission's primary justification for including nuclear power and fossil gas in the EU taxonomy was supply security.<sup>1</sup> **The war in Ukraine has made clear, however, that nuclear power and fossil gas do not contribute to safeguarding a secure energy supply.** We are now seeing the extent to which the EU's dependence on imports from Russia, not only for fossil gas, but also for uranium and nuclear fuel elements,<sup>2</sup> increases our vulnerability.

Europe needs an energy transition without fossil or nuclear detours. This is the only way to increase our energy security while protecting the climate and ruling out the risk of catastrophic reactor failures. Granting nuclear power and fossil gas a green label through the EU taxonomy would achieve the opposite. It would further **lock us into fossil and nuclear technologies and the dependencies they entail.** Money that is invested in fossil gas or nuclear power with the help of the EU taxonomy now will not be available for the urgently needed scale-up of renewables, energy storage and energy efficiency. In light of the current crisis, it is all the more crucial for the Commission to follow the opinion of the Platform on Sustainable Finance that both technologies should be excluded from the taxonomy.<sup>3</sup>

**We therefore call on you to withdraw the Complementary Climate Delegated Act including gas and nuclear activities dated 2 February 2022** and clear the way for a strictly science-based taxonomy which relies only on renewables for the energy sector.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>1)</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/220202-sustainable-finance-taxonomy-complementary-climate-delegated-act\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/220202-sustainable-finance-taxonomy-complementary-climate-delegated-act_en), page 8.

<sup>2)</sup> [https://euratom-supply.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2021-10/MJAA21001ENN\\_002.pdf](https://euratom-supply.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2021-10/MJAA21001ENN_002.pdf), pages 19, 22, 26.

<sup>3)</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/business\\_economy\\_euro/banking\\_and\\_finance/documents/220121-sustainable-finance-platform-response-taxonomy-complementary-delegated-act\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/business_economy_euro/banking_and_finance/documents/220121-sustainable-finance-platform-response-taxonomy-complementary-delegated-act_en.pdf)