



Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
The Chairs

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Mr Bernd Lange
Chair
Conference of Committee Chairs

Dear Chair,

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, in accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, held a public confirmation hearing on 5 November 2024 with Mr Dan Jørgensen, Commissioner-designate, who, subject to the positive outcome of the nomination procedure, will be responsible for Energy and Housing.

On 16 October 2024, our Committees, pursuant to Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure and Article 3 of Annex VII thereto, received the letter from the Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs regarding the scrutiny of the declaration of interests of Mr Jørgensen.

Prior to the confirmation hearing, Parliament had sent the Commissioner-designate a list of written questions. Our Committees noted that Mr Jørgensen answered those questions in a satisfactory manner.

The course of the confirmation hearing is described in the verbatim transcript of the proceedings.

In accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure and Article 5 of Annex VII thereto, the coordinators of our Committees, representing a large majority of at least two thirds of committee members belonging to a political group, agreed at their evaluation meeting of 5 November 2024 that Mr Jørgensen is qualified to be a member of the College of Commissioners and to carry out the specific tasks assigned.

The opinions of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, the Committee on Regional Development, the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, invited to participate in the confirmation hearing, as well as the minority views of PfiE and The Left (ITRE) are annexed to this letter.

We would be grateful if you could bring this assessment to the attention of the Conference of Presidents.

Yours sincerely,



Borys BUDKA
ITRE Chair



Li ANDERSSON
EMPL Chair

cc: Antonio DECARO, Chair of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
Adrian-Dragoş BENEĂ, Chair of the Committee on Regional Development
Anna CAVAZZINI, Chair of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
Aurore LALUCQ, Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Annexes:

- Minority views of PfE and The Left (ITRE)
- Opinions of ENVI, REGI, IMCO and ECON

MINORITY VIEW OF THE PFE GROUP ON THE EVALUATION OF DAN JØRGENSEN,
COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE FOR ENERGY AND HOUSING
(Article 5.4(c) of ANNEX VII to the Rules of Procedure)

The answers provided by the Commissioner-designate, Mr. Jørgensen, to the questions posed to him by the Patriots' Group were, in our opinion, unsatisfactory. Notably, the answers on the change of approach to Green Deal policies, a key issue for our Group.

Although Mr. Jørgensen mentioned he would strive for reducing energy prices, his explanation on the related concrete actions was far from being convincing.

On nuclear energy, we received no concrete answers, while on the commitments on the allocation of financial resources for the energy transition of buildings under the EPBD, the Commissioner-designate's indications were not precise enough. Moreover, Mr. Jørgensen showed no willingness to adopt a change of pace with respect to the phase-out from fossil fuels, reiterating his intention to remain on the path mapped out in the last parliamentary term. This, despite the Draghi report's recommendations, much quoted by the Commissioner-designate himself during the whole hearing, in particular on the reliance on natural gas, as a bridge source towards decarbonisation.

On these grounds, the Patriots for Europe Group does not intend to support Commissioner-designate Mr. Jørgensen.

MINORITY VIEW OF THE LEFT GROUP IN ITRE ON THE EVALUATION OF DAN
JØRGENSEN, COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE FOR ENERGY AND HOUSING
(Article 5.4(c) of ANNEX VII to the Rules of Procedure)

The Left delegation in EMPL supported Mister Jorgensen candidacy while the Left delegation in ITRE opposed it based on his answers on energy related policies.

The candidate did not propose to reverse the liberalisation of the electricity market, nor did he criticise the marginalist pricing system that couples gas and electricity prices. In a context of skyrocketing electricity prices for both households and companies, this was a red line for the delegation.

Regarding electricity production, Mister Jorgensen put on an equal footing renewable and nuclear sources of energy through the ambiguous concept of “technological neutrality”. Also, he did not clearly state that renewable energy targets for 2040 would be compulsory, while several Member States are not respecting current renewable energy targets.

The lack of support of the candidate towards the development of public energy companies was also a major concern for our group as private market players have benefited from windfall profits in the current electricity market design.

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
The Chair

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Borys Budka
Chair of the Committee on Industry,
Research and Energy
Li Andersson
Chair of the Committee of Employment and
Social Affairs

Dear Mr. Budka,
Dear Ms. Andersson,

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI), invited to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Dan Jørgensen, which took place on Tuesday, 5 November 2024 from 14:30 to 17:30, considers that the Commissioner-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties he has been assigned in the field of energy and housing.

This opinion has been adopted by Coordinators representing a two-third majority of committee members belonging to a political group.



Antonio Decaro

Cc: Bernd Lange, Chair of CCC

The Chair
Committee on Regional Development

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Mr Borys Budka
Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
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Ms Li Andersson
Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
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**Subject: REGI Secretariat assessment - Hearing of Dan JØRGENSEN,
Commissioner-designate, Energy and Housing**

The Committee on Regional Development, invited to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Dan Jørgensen, which took place on 5 November 2024, considers that the Commissioner-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties he has been assigned in the field of housing.

This opinion has been adopted by Coordinators representing at least a simple majority of committee members belonging to a political group.

Yours sincerely,



Lubica Karvašová
Vice-Chair of the Committee on Regional Development
(on behalf of the Committee, in her capacity as acting Chair)

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Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
The Chair

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Mr Borys Budka
Chair
Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Mrs Li Andersson
Chair
Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Subject: Opinion by IMCO as invited committee to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Dan Jørgensen

Dear Chairs,

The Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection, invited to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Dan Jørgensen, which took place on 5 November, considers that the Commissioner-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties he has been assigned in the field of energy and housing, with regard to the parts of his portfolio which fall to a substantial extent within the responsibility of the IMCO Committee.

The Commissioner-designate outlined the new strategy for housing construction in the Single Market that will include a number of actions, such as the development of new product standards, the digitalisation of the procedures regarding construction, the dissemination of best practices, and an improved access to construction services. In the context of housing supply, he showed his willingness to work with the Parliament, national authorities and stakeholders to explore measures to tackle systemic issues with short-term accommodation rentals.

This opinion has been adopted by Coordinators representing a large majority of committee members belonging to a political group.

Yours sincerely,



Anna Cavazzini
IMCO Chair

Cc: Committee Coordination and Legislative Programming Unit (Coordleg)

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
The Chair

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Mr. Borys Budka
Chair
Committee on Industry, Research
and Energy
Ms. Li Andersson
Chair
Committee on Employment and
Social Affairs

Subject: Assessment of Commissioner-designate Dan JØRGENSEN - opinion of the ECON committee

Dear Mr. Budka,
Dear Ms. Andersson,

The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, invited to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Dan JØRGENSEN, which took place on 5 November 2024, considers that the Commissioner-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties he has been assigned in the field of competition, state aid, taxation, cooperation with the European Investment Bank and with international financial institutions as well as RePowerEU Chapters in Recovery and Resilience Facility.

This opinion has been adopted by Coordinators representing at least a simple majority of committee members belonging to a political group.

Yours sincerely,



Aurore Lalucq