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Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
The Chairs

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Mr Bernd Lange
Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs
Brussels

Dear Mr Lange,

The Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI), the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) and the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), in accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, held a public confirmation hearing on 12 November 2024 with Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, Executive Vice-President-designate, who, subject to the positive outcome of the nomination procedure, will be responsible for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition.

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 Ms Ribera Rodríguez.

Prior to the confirmation hearing, Parliament had sent the Executive Vice-President-designate a list of written questions. Our Committees noted that Ms Ribera Rodríguez answered those questions and dealt with the priorities outlined in a satisfactory manner.

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

On the basis of the responses of the Members present at the confirmation hearing, as well as the comments made by our Committees' coordinators, who met in camera after the confirmation hearing under our chairmanship, we hereby give the following assessment of her:

Executive Vice-President-designate Ribera Rodríguez has adequately demonstrated her personal qualifications, European commitment, ability to communicate and aptitude as regards the policy areas linked to a clean, just and competitive transition.

Ms Ribera Rodríguez has also stressed her continued willingness to work closely with the European Parliament.

During the confirmation hearing, Ms Ribera Rodríguez made specific commitments regarding her future action, which are reflected in the verbatim report.

Opinions of committees invited to participate in the confirmation hearing are in Annex I.

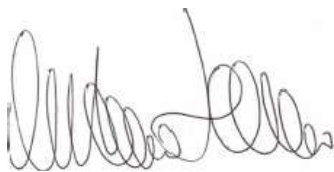
The general outcome of this confirmation hearing is that the Commissioner-designate gave a convincing impression of her aptitude to be a member of the College of Commissioners and to carry out the specific tasks assigned to her.

In accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure and Article 5 of Annex VII thereto, the ENVI, ECON and ITRE coordinators representing a large majority of at least two thirds of committee members belonging to a political group approved that the Executive Vice-President-designate Ribera Rodríguez is qualified both to be a member of the College of Commissioners and to carry out the specific tasks assigned to her.

During the evaluation meeting, the coordinators of the PfE and the ESN groups requested the inclusion of minority views, which are included in Annex II.

Some political groups expressed the wish to annex statements (Annex III).

Yours sincerely,



Antonio Decaro
ENVI Chair



Aurore Lalucq
ECON Chair



Borys Budka
ITRE Chair

Cc: Anna Cavazzini, IMCO Chair
Li Andersson, EMPL Chair
Elissavet Vozemberg-Vironidi, TRAN Chair
Adrian-Dragos Benea, REGI Chair
Veronika Vrecionova, AGRI Chair

Annex I: Opinions of the invited committees

Annex II: Minority views

Annex III: Statements

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
The Chair

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Addressees:

Mr Antonio Decaro, Chair of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)

Ms Aurore Lalucq, Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)

Mr Borys Budka, Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)

Opinion by IMCO as invited committee to the confirmation hearing of Executive Vice-President-designate Teresa Ribera Rodríguez

Dear Mr. Decaro, dear Ms. Lalucq, dear Mr. Budka,

The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) has been invited to the ENVI-ECON-ITRE confirmation hearing of Executive Vice-President-designate Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, which took place on 12 November 2024.

IMCO considers that the Executive Vice-President-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties she has been assigned in the field of Clean, Just and Competitive Transition, more specifically the Digital Markets Act and the Foreign Subsidies Regulation, which fall to a substantial extent within the responsibility of IMCO.

This opinion has been adopted by IMCO 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

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Chair of the Committee on Environment,
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Aurore LALUCQ
Chair of the Committee on Economic and
Monetary Affairs
SPINELLI 11G302

Borys BUDKA
Chair of the Committee on Industry,
Research and Energy
SPINELLI 12E130

Dear Chairs,

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, invited to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate for Clean, Just and Competitive Transition, Teresa RIBERA RODRÍGUEZ, which took place on Tuesday 12 November 2024, considers that the Commissioner-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties she has been assigned in the field of employment and social affairs, notably on addressing energy poverty across Europe as part of addressing the housing crisis, on the just and social transition - notably through the Social Climate Fund and Just Transition Fund - and as part of the European Affordable Housing Plan.

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

I would like to thank you in advance for taking this opinion into consideration.



Li ANDERSSON

cc. Bernd Lange, Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs

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Mr Antonio Decaro
Chair
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
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Ms Aurore Lalucq
Chair
Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
SPINELLI 11G302

Mr Borys Budka
Chair
Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
SPINELLI 12E130

Dear Chairs,

The Committee on Transport and Tourism, invited to the confirmation hearing of Commissioner-designate Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, which took place on 12 November 2024, considers that the Commissioner-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties she has been assigned in her portfolio for Clean, Just and Competitive Transition in relation to transport.

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

Yours sincerely,



Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi

*cc : CoordLeg Secretariat
Bernd Lange, Chair of Conference of Committee Chairs
Sabina Magnano, Director of Directorate for Structural and Cohesion Policies*

The Chair
Committee on Regional Development

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Mr Antonio DECARO
Chair of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
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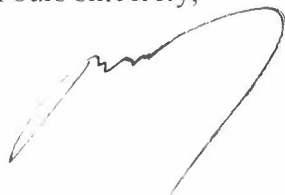
Ms Aurore LALUCQ
Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
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Mr Borys BUDKA
Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
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The Committee on Regional Development, invited to the confirmation hearing of Teresa Ribera, Executive Vice-President-designate for Clean, Just and Competitive Transition, which took place on 12 November 2024, considers that the Executive Vice-President-designate is qualified to be member of the College and is qualified to carry out the particular duties she has been assigned in the field of just transition.

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

Yours sincerely,



Dragoș Benea
Chair of the Committee on Regional Development

cc: Coordleg

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

THE CHAIR

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Aurore Lalucq
Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
ASP 11G302

Antonio Decaro
Chair of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
ASP 15G306

Borys Budka
Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
ASP 12E130
Brussels

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Dear Chairs,

On 12 November, the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) was invited to participate in the confirmation hearing of Ms Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, Executive Vice-President-designate for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition. The meeting was jointly organised by the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy.

The hearing, and the answers to the written questions she had provided previously, gave the general impression that Ms Ribera Rodríguez was capable of taking on the responsibilities relating to AGRI to be entrusted to her.

Consequently, in accordance with Rule 129 of the Rules of Procedure and Annex VII thereof, AGRI coordinators, representing the majority of Committee members belonging to a political group, agreed that Ms Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, Executive Vice-President-designate for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition, is qualified to be a member of the College and to carry out the particular duties she has been assigned, as far as AGRI remit is concerned.

Yours sincerely,



Veronika Vrecionová

CC: Mr Bernd Lange, Chair of the Conference of the Committee Chairs

Annex II - Minority positions

PfE

The Patriots for Europe Group cannot support the Commissioner-designate Teresa Ribera Rodríguez as Executive Vice-President for Clean, Just and Competitive Transition. During the hearing she failed to answer the questions posed by many Members, rambling on irrelevant topics. She is focused solely on implementing measures driven by ideology, which have devastating consequences in energy, industry and agricultural sectors. In particular, she will prioritize the enforcement and implementation of all existing EU legislation already adopted under the European Green Deal, refusing to consider any review.

Furthermore, as Minister in Spain, her approach to hydraulic infrastructure and riverbed cleaning policies failed to prevent the catastrophic flooding in Valencia following the DANA. For this reason, we also asks for guarantees from Ms Ribera to immediately resign from the College of Commissioners in case she is being convicted or found guilty of serious misconduct, which would impair the integrity and stability of the College of Commissioners, the European Commission or the European institutions as a whole, or as a result of which she would no longer fulfil the conditions required for the performance of her duties, in accordance with points 12 and 13 of the Code of Conduct of Commissioners.

ESN

During her hearing on 12 November 2020, the designated Executive President Teresa Ribera showed that she is willing to stick to the EU's previous anti-business climate policy without compromise, thereby accepting massive losses of prosperity and jobs. Furthermore, she has been very vague on how to maintain competitiveness in EU member states, reduce energy prices and save key industries such as the automotive industry from collapse. As a result, the ESN group cannot support Mrs Ribera's candidacy.

Annex III : Statements

EPP statement

The EPP calls for a clear and unequivocal commitment from Ms Ribera to immediately resign from the College of Commissioners in the event that any legal charges or proceedings are brought against her, in relation to the tragic DANA events, which could prejudice or impair the reputation and the integrity of the College or as a result of which she would no longer be in a position to fulfil the conditions required for the performance of her duties, in accordance with paragraphs 12 and 13 of the Code of Conduct of Commissioners.

Greens/EFA statement

The European People's Party's attitude during commissioners VP-designate Teresa Ribera hearing and evaluation procedure pushing for bending interpretation of the rules in pursuit of narrow political gain, constitutes a grave affront to democratic and transparency principles as well as a dangerous precedent, which the Greens/EFA categorically and unequivocally oppose to.

Teresa Ribera, as Spain's Minister for Ecological Transition, has been instrumental in spearheading ambitious climate policies, including the drive for renewable energy adoption and Spain's commitment to achieving net-zero emissions. Her leadership was marked by decisive actions like phasing out coal and setting robust targets for a greener economy. During her European Parliament hearing for the position of Executive Vice-President for a Clean, Just, and Competitive Transition, Ribera presented a clear vision for integrating economic transformation with environmental sustainability. Her performance was praised for her deep understanding of complex challenges, her poise in addressing critical questions, and her commitment to a balanced, equitable approach to the EU's twin transitions.

The LEFT statement

The Left denounces vehemently the process of evaluation of Commissioner-designates and deeply regrets that the Parliament did not perform its duty in scrutinising and properly evaluating the candidates. The decisions were made behind closed doors between some political groups and the evaluation meeting was redundant as the decision on the candidates was already communicated to the press before the meeting took place.

The candidate is qualified and has the appropriate expertise, knowledge and skills to exercise the position of Executive vice-president and handle her portfolio. Furthermore she answered the questions in the hearing appropriately, despite the failure of some Members of some Political Groups to participate in the hearings and debates with appropriate parliamentary conduct.