

**QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE****Jessika ROSWALL****Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy****1. General competence, European commitment and personal independence**

What aspects of your personal qualifications and experience are particularly relevant for becoming Commissioner and promoting the European general interest, particularly in the area you would be responsible for? How will you contribute to implementing the political guidelines of the Commission? How will you implement gender mainstreaming and integrate a gender perspective into all policy areas of your portfolio? How will you implement youth mainstreaming?

What guarantees of independence are you able to give Parliament, and how would you make sure that any past, current or future activities you carry out could not cast doubt on the performance of your duties within the Commission?

**2. Management of the portfolio and cooperation with the European Parliament**

Can you commit to duly informing Parliament about your actions and those of your departments? In what respect do you consider yourself accountable to Parliament?

What specific commitments are you prepared to make in terms of your engagement with and presence in Parliament, both in committee and in plenary, transparency, cooperation and effective follow-up to Parliament's positions and requests for legislative initiatives? In relation to planned initiatives or ongoing procedures, are you ready to provide Parliament with timely information and documents on an equal footing with the Council?

Questions from the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

3. What concrete steps are you going to take in the context of the European Water Resilience Strategy to address water efficiency, scarcity, pollution and water related risk? How will you take into account individual Member States' specificities, including agricultural, and the critical relationship between water and healthy ecosystems, considering also available technologies? What measures do you intend to take to achieve and maintain high quality water standards, including through the enforcement of the existing legal framework?

4. What concrete measures do you intend to present as part of the Circular Economy Act to create market demand for secondary raw materials and establish a single market for waste? Besides the necessary implementation of existing legislation, will this Act go beyond the revision of the current framework on waste and sustainable products? What is the expected effect on the environmental footprint of the Union, the use of resources and the competitiveness of the EU? Which specific sectoral actions -- such as for example on critical raw materials and textile -- are you going to take, also in view of third-country imports?

5. How will you implement the zero-pollution action plan to ensure that all sectors are properly addressed where needed, and do you envisage any additional measures? When will you present a proposal for a revision of REACH that ensures simplification while guaranteeing enhanced protection of health and the environment and a competitive industry? What is your plan on PFAS to minimise human and environmental exposure to them while ensuring a clear and feasible framework for industry by taking into account essential uses?

6. Do you commit to full and timely implementation and enforcement of the existing nature-related legislations, and to reach EU's international commitments? How will you ensure an adequate level of financing is available to implement those policies, including a possible dedicated Nature Restoration Fund in the next MFF? How do you foresee the development of a framework for the nature credits?

7. How will the updated Bioeconomy Strategy unleash the potential of the European bioeconomy in a sustainable manner and in coherence with the objectives set in the Green Deal? What tangible actions will you take to deploy a science-based strategy that significantly contributes to the EU economic competitiveness, while respecting environmental and natural resources?

Question from the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

8.. How do you plan to contribute to the Clean Industrial Deal? In that regard, what measures do you envisage for the Circular Economy Act, notably in relation to critical raw materials? How do you plan to take forward the zero-pollution ambition and what measures do you think should be included in the new chemicals industry package? In this context, do you have any specific plans for PFAS? What measures do you intend to put forward under the European Water Resilience Strategy in relation to the energy, industry and digital sectors? How do you aim to further develop the New European Bauhaus?

Question from the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection

9. The President of the European Commission asked you in the mission letter to lead, with the Executive Vice-President for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy, on a Circular Economy Act in order to establish a single market for waste and enhance your efforts to develop a single market for sustainable products. What is your vision and what are the specific actions, including legislative measures, that you will follow in the coming years to achieve these objectives?

Question from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

10. Agriculture and forestry are the largest users of land in the EU and thus contribute significantly to achieving the EU's climate and biodiversity targets. Commissioner-designate, how do you intend to balance the objectives of protecting biodiversity and preserving nature on the one hand and maintaining agricultural production and ensuring food security and sustainable use of biomass on the other? How do you plan to strengthen agricultural water resilience so as to enhance agricultural production? What are your ideas for contributing to the Vision on Food and Agriculture? How will you ensure that the agriculture and forestry sectors are integrated in the bioeconomy strategy?