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By email.

Workshop: Strengthening Europe's sustainable energy and climate technology diplomacy – harnessing networks for norm leadership, Brussels, 1 June 2016

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Dear Professor Leal-Arcas,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the “Strengthening Europe’s sustainable energy and climate technology diplomacy – harnessing networks for norm leadership” workshop, which will take place in Brussels on Wednesday 1 June 2016. The workshop will be hosted by the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) in partnership with the Transnational Law Institute of the Dickson Poon School of Law, King’s College London. We would also be honoured if you could make a short presentation of around 10 minutes on the trade dimensions of clean energy diplomacy.

The European Union has long played a leadership role in the global response to climate change and the related challenge of increasing access to sustainable energy for development. To maintain and extend this diplomatic asset, the EU faces challenges including the proliferation of multiple negotiating tracks and processes, the growing importance of non-EU sources of finance and technology, and the centrality of technology in global climate and sustainable energy governance. If the EU can respond to these developments with innovative diplomacy, it has an opportunity to augment its contribution to global progress on climate change and sustainable energy.

This workshop will bring together decision-makers from the EU’s institutions, the Party of European Socialists and other Brussels-based stakeholders to evaluate this changed diplomatic landscape. This evaluation will inform roundtable discussions of EU policy-makers and other stakeholders on actions to strengthen climate technology and energy diplomacy.

We would be honoured if you were to accept our invitation to participate in the “Strengthening Europe’s sustainable energy and climate technology diplomacy” workshop. The workshop will inform the production of a comprehensive report on this topic, to be launched in London in November 2016, prior to the 22nd Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC. We would be delighted if you could contribute to the peer review process of the report. We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

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On behalf of the FEPS-TLI project team



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