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Dear Sir / Dear Madam,

The Commission's Directorate General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA) has now established the expert group on carbon removals. The group's work will be instrumental in assisting DG CLIMA in the effective preparation and future implementation of the EU policy initiatives in the area of carbon removals, realising synergies with other policy developments in the land use, forestry and agriculture sector and in the relevant industrial sectors.

I am very pleased that you have accepted to become a member of the expert group and would like to invite you to participate in the first meeting of the expert group, which will take place on

7 March 2023 from 9:00 – 17:00
Centre Borschette Room 4.B
Rue Froissart 36, Brussels

Please find enclosed the **preliminary agenda**, including a short outline of the three panels on industrial carbon removals, carbon farming and the verification/certification requirements. My colleagues might be in touch with you shortly about your potential involvement in the respective panels including the specific questions we would like to address in this first meeting.

I would be grateful if you **could confirm your attendance** (indicating whether you intend to participate in person or online) via the electronic AGM system **by 17 February 2023**.

I also attach for your information the draft Rules of Procedure for the Expert Group on Carbon Removals. These rules will be briefly presented and approved at the beginning of the first meeting. If you have any particular concerns, please send them in writing using the functional mailbox specified at the end of this invite.

In the interest of transparency and given the very high interest expressed in the work of this expert group, DG CLIMA commits to conducting these meetings as inclusively and openly as possible. In this spirit, a part of this meeting will be web-streamed and recorded. Your personal data will be treated by the Commission in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725¹ and Commission Decision C(2016) 3301².

¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions,

² Commission Decision of 30.5.2016 establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups, C(2016) 3301.

We will shortly be sending out a final detailed agenda, including links for remote participation and web-streaming. However, to maximise the networking opportunities, we strongly encourage participants to attend in person the meeting. We would also like to offer those who will be present in Brussels the opportunity for informal networking/drinks straight after the event at the nearby [Grand Central](#).

For any outstanding questions, please contact CLIMA-CR-EXPERTGROUP@ec.europa.eu
For more information, please also consult our webpage on the [expert group on carbon removals](#).

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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Enclosures: Preliminary agenda
 Rules of Procedures for the expert group