



**KADRI SIMSON**

MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
ENERGY

Rue de la Loi, 200  
B-1049 Brussels  
Tel. +32-2 295 05 20  
Kadri.SIMSON@ec.europa.eu

Brussels, 26 April 2022  
ARES(2022)s3467658

H.E. Mohamed Sanusi Barkindo  
Secretary General  
OPEC

Dear Secretary General,

Thank you so much for your hospitality in Vienna at the occasion of the 15<sup>th</sup> EU-OPEC dialogue on April 11, 2022. This is a challenging time for the energy sector and our cooperation is more important than ever. I am particularly grateful for our long and in-depth bilateral discussion.

I know that ensuring market stability is important for you, not least because of the impact further price increase would have on the more vulnerable countries. It is a difficult task, but I encourage you to continue your work on this front.

From our discussions, I also note that you feel strongly that OPEC should be part of the solution to the climate change crisis. I believe that this is an important debate to take forward within OPEC. I am grateful for your kind words about the EU leadership on climate change and the Commission will remain committed to this crucial issue.

I am aware that your mandate as Secretary General for OPEC is coming to an end in July and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your excellent cooperation and openness. However, I expect that we will have several occasions to work together in the coming months.

Yours sincerely,



Kadri Simson