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- Information from the Commission

In view of the WPE meeting on 27 September 2022, delegations will find in the Annex a note from the Commission on the above-mentioned subject.



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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR ALEŠ HILČER AND
MS EVA PLOCEK KUBEŠOVÁ,
CHAIRS OF THE COUNCIL WORKING PARTY FOR ENVIRONMENT**

Subject: Commission's intention to establish a Green Alliance with Norway

In line with the arrangements for non-binding instruments¹, I would like to inform your Council Working Party of the Commission's intention to establish a Green Alliance with Norway.

In February 2022, the President of the Commission and the Norwegian Prime Minister issued a statement², reaffirming the resolve of the EU and Norway to reduce emissions, pursuing a joint path towards achieving domestic climate-neutrality by 2050. The two sides also reiterated their commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a coordinated manner by at least 55% by 2030 compared to 1990 following a do-no-harm principle and making sure the transition to a decarbonised economy is fair. In view of this collective vision, the two sides agreed to put their climate engagement on an even firmer footing by exploring to establish a Green Alliance between the EU and Norway.

This Green Alliance would build on existing dialogues and initiatives with Norway in the area of green transition, and could possibly be signed in context of COP27 later this year, with specific timing still to be determined. The Green Alliance would reinforce the EU's and Norway's commitment to deepen cooperation and exchange best practices in the areas that are fundamental to accelerate the transition to climate neutrality and reversing biodiversity loss, and will thus contribute to the implementation of the external dimension of the European Green Deal.

The Commission will seek the authorisation of the Council to sign the Alliance at a later stage in accordance with the arrangements for non-binding instruments.

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¹ Note 15367/17 of 4 December 2017 on arrangement for non-binding instruments.

² [EU-Norway Press Statement on Climate \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/press/2022/02/022202eu-norway-statement-climate)

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