

Brussels, 13 May 2025

### Closer EU-UK Cooperation on the Clean Transition

Dear President von der Leyen,  
Dear President Costa,  
Dear Prime Minister Starmer,

*And for the attention of*

Ms Teresa Ribera, Commissioner for Clean, Just and Competitive Transition  
Mr Stéphane Séjourné, Commissioner for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy  
Mr Wopke Hoekstra, Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth  
The Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero  
The Rt Hon Jonathan Reynolds MP, Secretary of State for Business and Trade  
The Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds MP, Minister for the Constitution and European Union Relations

As representatives of industry across Europe, we call for the EU-UK to agree to increase collaboration and alignment on our shared net zero ambitions and a clean industrial transition at the May 19 EU-UK Summit.

It is clearly a shared strategic objective for both the EU and the UK to work closely together in order to meet our respective net zero targets for 2050. Both the EU and the UK retain practically the same objectives for emissions reductions, energy security and affordability. Effective industrial cooperation is the only way that we can reach net zero together whilst achieving our common goal of creating a competitive Europe.

We call for the establishment of a mutually beneficial **Green Economy Partnership**, which should include **Energy, Transport, relevant Strategic Technologies and Materials, Carbon Markets, Capital Markets, and Research & Innovation**.

The EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) is the basis of the ongoing relationship between the EU and the UK, and whilst it already provides for cooperation in areas such as Energy and Carbon Markets there needs to be greater scope for collaboration and integration of our markets, technologies and skills base in achieving our shared goals to net zero.

Annexed to this letter is our Green Economy Partnership report in which there are a number of actionable recommendations to strengthen energy, climate, and industrial cooperation, between the EU and the UK, in mutually beneficial areas to support European competitiveness.

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These recommendations include the following imperatives:

1. Agree to full UK membership of the North Sea Energy Cooperation to develop offshore wind capacity
2. Return the UK to an efficient electricity trading mechanism with the EU and developing a comprehensive vision for the North Sea Basin
3. Set up a joint economic area for critical raw and strategic materials and clean tech components such as batteries, electrolyzers and others to foster support for the utilisation of European minerals and the frictionless localisation of critical supply chain
4. Develop regulatory alignment on emerging green transportation and other strategic clean technologies
5. Linking the EU and UK Emissions Trading Schemes to unlock the renewable potential of the North Seas and remove policy barriers, including negating the impact of the respective CBAMs
6. Align on carbon storage standards and accreditation between the EU and the UK on carbon emissions
7. Increase the interoperability of sustainable finance frameworks whilst improving the linkage of sustainability reporting
8. Develop a European approach to transition finance and cooperate on securitisation with joint investment vehicles
9. Continue long-term UK association with Horizon Europe whilst building on current frameworks through alternative funding systems
10. Address 'Green Skills' gap and where digitalisation can support the Green economy through, for example, FP10 and the promotion of sharing good practices between the public and private sector

The British Chamber of Commerce | EU & Belgium is calling for action across these areas to strengthen cooperation and collaboration and hopes that the EU-UK Summit in May will address the annexed issues urgently.

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Many thanks for your consideration of this letter, we stand ready to meet with all parties to discuss this further and to work with you and your teams to deliver this goal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Peter Bell', written in a cursive style.

**Peter Bell**

*Vice-President British Chamber of Commerce | EU & Belgium*

