



For the attention of the Members of the EEAC Network

Dublin/The Hague, June, 2020

Subject: Rationale behind the proposal to have an online EEAC Annual Conference

Dear members of the EEAC Network,

Through this letter, we wish to further inform you about the rationale behind our proposal to host the 28th EEAC Annual Conference online.

1. To ensure a conference

Given the likelihood that the Covid19 crisis will still be ongoing in October, the National Economic and Social Council and the Board of the EEAC Network propose to opt for a virtual conference format. This format will ensure, regardless of possible restrictions that may be in place to stop the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, that the 2020 Annual Conference will go ahead. We will seriously invest in an online event that will meet both EEAC's and NESC's standards.

2. Meeting the initial aims of the 28th EEAC Annual Conference

We aim to ensure that the online conference will enhance shared understanding of the ways in which the principle of a just transition can guide transitions. We will strive to prepare a programme that helps to shed light on how countries are managing the transition process whilst paying special attention to managing downside risks which might disproportionately affect and have impact on specific groups in society.

3. High-level speakers and serving a wide audience

An online format will allow us to present a selection of high-ranking professionals to address you and the other conference participants, while simultaneously serving a global audience from the comfort of their homes and offices. Consequently, we may enhance the quality of the debate and insights shared, as well as the diversity of views and contributions.

4. Reduce our carbon footprint

We wish to utilize this period to reflect upon the way we organize our exchange and cooperation as advisory bodies ourselves and as a network. An online annual conference, the first in 28-years, fits well with the ambition to explore options to reduce environmental impact, while ensuring continuous exchange and cooperation among advisory bodies themselves but also with external partners



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To conclude

Dear colleagues, we sincerely hope that you are willing to endorse our proposal and we look forward to e-welcoming you in Dublin Castle during 'Just Transition Week' from October 26th to October 29th 2020.

Sincerely yours,

A black ink signature of Larry O'Connell, written in a cursive style.

Larry O'Connell

Director NESC

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Arnau Queralt Bassa

Chairman of the EEAC Network