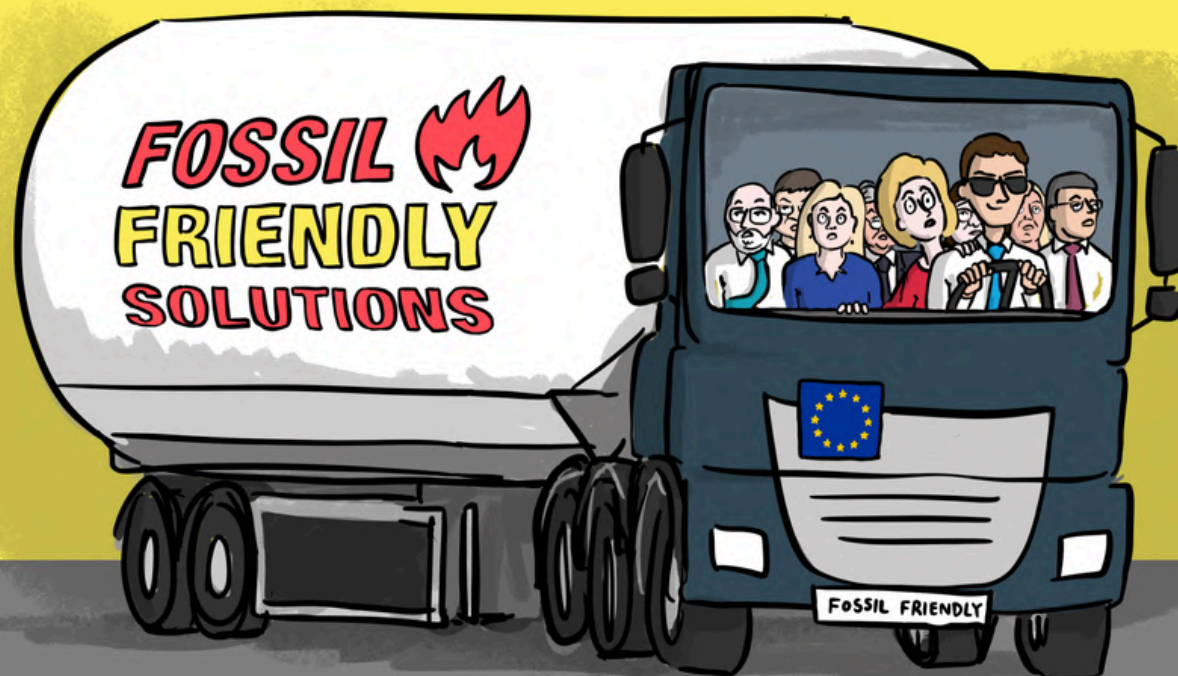


# THE VON DER LEYEN'S COMMISSION

## 2019-2024

### FULL-TIME REPORT FACT SHEET



# VON DER LEYEN'S COMMISSION & THE FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY



A summary of who Von der Leyen's Commission was meeting with on the regular during the past mandate in 2019-2024

## THE NUMBERS

887

Ursula von der Leyen's Commission had nearly nine hundred **meetings with fossil fuel lobbyists** during the past mandate.

1

The equivalent of nearly one **meeting per working day**.

46

Shell was the most popular fossil fuel giant to meet up with, with forty six meetings in total.

## FAVOURITE TOPIC

Hydrogen was the biggest topic of conversation with a total of **67 meetings**.

**Energy Commissioner Simson's cabinet had 32 meetings** about it, former Climate Action **Commissioner Timmermans had 30** and **Šefčovič had a further 5**.



Hydrogen is a popular smokescreen used by the fossil fuel industry to keep itself in the game. Thanks to their successful lobbying, it is now a major lynchpin of the Commission's energy transition plans. The hydrogen lobby has a strong cross-over with Big Oil and Gas and spends €75.75 million a year lobbying the EU institutions.



# VON DER LEYEN'S COMMISSION

## TOP FIVE

THE HIGHEST SCORING MEMBERS OF VON DER LEYEN'S COMMISSION, WHO MET WITH OIL AND GAS COMPANIES + THEIR LOBBYISTS THE MOST

1

**Kadri Simson**  
Commissioner

MEETINGS WITH FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES  
116 ♥ Shell  
Eni

MEETINGS WITH FOSSIL FUEL BACKED ORGS  
78 ♥ Hydrogen Europe  
BusinessEurope  
ENTSOG

FOSSIL-FRIENDLY SCORE: **194**

CUT IT OUT!

2

**Frans Timmermans**  
ex-Executive VP for European Green Deal & Commissioner for Climate Action

MEETINGS WITH FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES  
105 ♥ Shell  
RWE

MEETINGS WITH FOSSIL FUEL BACKED ORGS  
147 ♥ IOGP  
Hydrogen Europe

FOSSIL-FRIENDLY SCORE: **147**

CUT IT OUT!



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3

**Maroš Šefčovič**  
Executive VP & Commissioner for European Green Deal

MEETINGS WITH FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES: 40 (Shell, ExxonMobil, Equinor)

MEETINGS WITH FOSSIL FUEL BACKED ORGS: 18 (Hydrogen Europe, BusinessEurope)

FOSSIL-FRIENDLY SCORE: 58

CUT IT OUT!

4

**Adina-loana Vălean**  
Transport Commissioner

MEETINGS WITH FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES: 25 (BP, ExxonMobil, Shell, TotalEnergies, Neste)

MEETINGS WITH FOSSIL FUEL BACKED ORGS: 15 (Fuels Europe)

FOSSIL-FRIENDLY SCORE: 40

CUT IT OUT!



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THE HIGHEST SCORING MEMBERS OF VON DER LEYEN'S COMMISSION, WHO MET WITH OIL AND GAS COMPANIES + THEIR LOBBYISTS THE MOST

5

**Thierry Breton**  
Internal Market Commissioner

MEETINGS WITH FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES  
16  
Eni  
ExxonMobil

MEETINGS WITH FOSSIL FUEL BACKED ORGS  
43  
BusinessEurope  
FuelsEurope  
CEFIC

FOSSIL-FRIENDLY SCORE: 59

CUT IT OUT!





# VON DER LEYEN'S COMMISSION & THE FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY



## INCREASE IN NUMBERS

Simson's cabinet increased their number of meetings with fossil fuel companies in the second half of the von der Leyen Commission's term: **56 in the first 2.5 years, followed by 60 in the subsequent two years.**

## INCREASE

50%

There was a 50% increase in meetings between Simson's cabinet and fossil fuel lobbyists since Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

7x

There was a sevenfold increase in the number of meetings by President Von der Leyen and her cabinet with fossil fuel companies since Russia's invasion of Ukraine on 24-2-2022.

## MEETINGS

404

meetings with fossil fuel companies **on any topic.**

483

Meetings with organisations with one or more fossil fuel company members, **on climate and energy issues.**



The Ursula von der Leyen Commission has had nearly **400 more meetings with the fossil fuel industry** from mid-term onwards (May 2022-May 2024).