

24 June 10:45-11:15

Bilateral with Mukhtar Babayev, Azerbaijani COP29 President-Designate

SCENE SETTER

10:45-11:15, Masion House	Bilateral with Azerbaijani COP29 President-Designate and Minister of Ecology and Natural resources, Mukhtar Babayev
Participants	President-Designate Babayev – DG Juul Jørgensen
Purpose	<p>What Babayev wants: to involve us in some of their initiatives [REDACTED]</p> <p>What we want: to push our proposals for cooperation with AZ at COP29</p> <p>What you must know: [REDACTED] sent the deputy energy minister Orkhan Zeynalov a list of proposed cooperation topics on 13 June. TF3 will have a meeting with Azerbaijani counterparts on 24/06 at 09h. Aside from his COP29 role, Babayev is Minister of Ecology, and as such, directly in charge of domestic action on methane. He is due to meet with Csr Hoekstra in Baku on 20 June.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Green Energy Zones, Smart Grids, Storage pledge Hydrogen</p> <p>[REDACTED] additional Presidency initiatives on Energy Efficiency investments and Clean Cooking (following up on Paris and Nairobi)</p>
Topics	<p>Our proposed areas of cooperation for COP29 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Ministerial Dialogue on Tripling Renewables and Doubling Energy Efficiency”, which we would like co-host with the COP29 Presidency;• High-level event on green energy development in Azerbaijan and the region, to be co-organised by the EU and Azerbaijan;• A CEOs level roundtable of OGMP 2.0 members, to be hosted by SOCAR;• The Global Pledge on Green Energy Storage and how we can contribute and join;• The other COP29 Presidency-led energy initiatives (Hydrogen and Green Energy Corridors/Zones).
11:15	Depart for bilateral with UAE COP29 Director-General Ambassador Majid Al-Suwadi (same building)

TOP LINE MESSAGE

- **We want to do the following three things with you:**
 - Co-host a **Ministerial Dialogue** with the **COP29 Presidency** on **Tripling Renewables and Doubling Energy Efficiency**;
 - Co-organise a **high-level event** (possibly leaders-level) with **Azerbaijan** on **green energy development in Azerbaijan and the region**; and
 - **Contribute to the development of and join your Global Pledge on Green Energy Storage.**
- On COP29 other energy initiatives on **smart grids, energy efficiency, and clean cooking**, look forward to learning more to understand how we might best support.
- On your energy initiatives relating to **hydrogen and Green Energy Corridors/Zones**, we need to better understand the content in order to engage.
- On **methane**, we welcome focus on **waste** but suggest that SOCAR organises a **OGMP 2.0 CEO-level roundtable** at COP29. EU ready to support, together with IMEO.
- Moreover, we expect Azerbaijan to play an active role in the **Global Methane Pledge Ministerial**. The **COP29-IEA joined event on methane** to be organised in September may provide political input to it.
- **Our teams met online earlier today to discuss all this.**

SPEAKING POINTS

- Overall, we want to cooperate with you on the following energy-related points at COP29:
 - A **Ministerial Dialogue on tripling renewables deployments and doubling energy efficiency improvements**, building on the UAE consensus and focusing on implementation and financing, which we would like to **co-host with the COP29 Presidency**.
 - A **high-level event on green energy development in Azerbaijan and the region**, including offshore wind and the Black Sea energy corridor, to be **co-organised by the EU and Azerbaijan**.
 - **The COP29 Global Pledge on Green Energy Storage**
[REDACTED]
- We welcome that you are considering energy initiatives on **smart grids**, **energy efficiency**, and **clean cooking**, and look forward to learning more about them to understand how we might best provide support.

Internal comment: [REDACTED]
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- On your energy initiatives on **hydrogen** and **Green Energy Zones/Corridors**, we would need to know more before we can understand our position.
 - [Regarding **hydrogen**, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
 - [Regarding the **green energy zones/corridors**, we quite simply do not have any information about the shape of the proposal yet.]

Internal comment: [REDACTED]
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- On **methane**, we understand and welcome the focus on waste at COP29 as part of the Troika programme, but also look forward to you and SOCAR having a great energy story to tell.
 - As such, we would be interested in supporting a **OGMP 2.0 CEO-level roundtable at COP29**, to be hosted by **SOCAR** as a new member. EU and IMEO would support.
 - This could be focused on **raising methane action in oil and gas companies**, as well as **helping your neighbours in Central Asia start on the same path as Azerbaijan**.
 - Azerbaijan recently joined the **Global Methane Pledge** and is preparing a national action plan, offering you the opportunity to showcase your planned policies to reduce methane emissions in Azerbaijan during the Ministerial.
 - Moreover, the **IEA-COP29 methane event** to be organised in September can offer political input to your contribution to the Global Methane Pledge.
- **Happy that our teams are coordinating well** – meeting earlier today led by your deputy Energy Minister Orkhan Zeynalov and my Director [REDACTED] including technical teams.
- Finally, **very much welcome your commitment to inclusive COP29**. Diverse perspectives come to better conclusions, and COP must represent everyone on planet.
 - Once again **welcome appointment of women to the steering committee** and Ms. Nigar Arpadarai as High-Level Climate Champion, whom our ambassador in Baku met on 14 June.
 - As you will have heard from other EU interlocutors, will be **crucial to ensure strong engagement by youth and civil society groups at COP29**.

[If asked, other EU energy initiatives for COP29 are:

- Leaders' event on UN Panel on Clean Energy Transition Minerals;
- Ministerial roundtable on Transition Away from Fossil Fuels;
- A clean tech forum;