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To: Members of the European Parliament Industry, Research and Energy Committee

Dear MEP,

For your exchange on 24. April with the Energy Community, the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) would like to bring to your attention HEAL's new assessment on the benefits to health and health savings from the swift implementation of the Large Combustion Plants Directive in the Energy Community countries – notably the Western Balkans.

HEAL's briefing on [Balkans implementation of LCPD: 'Boosting Health by Improving Air Quality in the Balkans'](#) shows that cutting down the air pollution from Western Balkan coal power plants as of 2018 could result in 6,460 lives saved each year, as well as saved health costs of up to 2,724 million EUR, if emissions limits that need to be achieved by 2028 would be applied.

It is also highlighting the current utter unpreparedness of the plants to actually meet the requirements as of 2018 when the start of the implementation of LCPD is required by Balkan countries.

I would appreciate if you could ask tomorrow how the Energy Community deals with the obvious ignoring of the new rules in all of the countries of the Western Balkans, except Montenegro. What are the plans for achieving the emissions reductions?

I hope you will find this briefing useful and I would encourage you to share it with your colleagues who might be working on (transboundary) air pollution and energy.

I remain at your disposal for any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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