



**Mr Donald Tusk**  
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Dear Mr President, *dear Mr. Tusk,*

We are writing to express a warm welcome to you on your first day in office as President of the European Council.

The past 5 years have not been easy for Europe. We believe that the way out of the crisis is through bold socio-economic reforms and confidence-building measures. Important stepping stones have been achieved in economic governance at EU level, but many more lie ahead of us in order to avoid future crises.

The EU is at a cross-road and at the beginning of a new policy cycle. It offers therefore a unique opportunity for true change, reform and a fresh impetus. A European Union that delivers to **boost investment, growth and employment** is of key importance for European companies. We have therefore named our priorities for the next 5 years after this guiding principle (see attached).

BUSINESSEUROPE and its 39 member federations are there if you need our support, advice or involvement in achieving these important goals.

We wish you good luck in your new position and remain at your disposal for any collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

  
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President

  
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Director General