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Vague and evasive, Designate Vice President for Energy Union Alenka Bratušek fails to convince, showing she is not the right person to lead Europe and the world in the fight against climate change. After the parliamentary hearing Birdlife’s appeal to Juncker to intervene and rebuild the environmental credential of his Commission.

Angelo Caserta, Birdlife Europe Director, stated: « I’d be happy to ignore the sense of confusion, hopefully temporary, on the division of labour with the energy and climate change Commissioner - and the general lack of knowledge on specific dossiers. But the real problem is that Alenka Bratušek’s performance today was overly vague and evasive. She was hardly inspiring on clean energy and the fight against climate change. And if she has not convinced MEPs, it is clear that she would not lead Europe, let alone the international community, towards an ambitious deal in Paris next year. And that is a luxury we cannot afford.”

“In her words – added Birdlife’s Caserta – energy and energy union are all down to increasing production, infrastructure and the lowering of energy costs: no vision, no commitment, no inspiration. It is now dramatically evident that Juncker’s Commission environmental credentials need ample restructuring. As Green10, since the very announcement, we have called for changes in the mandates and composition of this Commission. Now it’s time for Juncker to accept the demands and deliver the much needed changes».

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