Short Meeting – 30 minutes.

State Secretary Sonkodi was accompanied by Oliver Varhelyi.

Main points:

TH stressed COM readiness to find a solutions on the subcontracting issues, in cooperation with the HU authorities. He nevertheless stressed that such solutions would be part of an overall agreement on the whole project (including technical exemptions/sole provider issue).

TH went through the main elements which should be offered by the HU authorities: level and content of subcontracting, transparency (where to publish the call), Identification of a neutral remedy body where complaints could be handled and regular monitoring. He insisted that all these points should be addressed in a very detailed and comprehensive way in any commitment by the HU authorities. This could take the form of a letter by Minister Lazar to the Csr.

Mr Sonkodi thanked DG Grow for the very constructive dialogue so far. He agreed with TH that these points could be addressed in a detailed manner in a letter to the Commissioner. He proposed the content of the letter to be discussed with DG GROW, on the basis of a draft prepared by the HU side. He nevertheless emphasized the difficulty HU would have in committing to anything on behalf of Rosatom. Most of the responsibilities for the subcontracting are with Rosatom but Hu is ready to look for ways to accommodate the Commission’s concerns. He also indicated that 1) and; 3) HU could agree with a regular monitoring process.

TH stressed the importance of regular (monthly) monitoring, since the agreement would be built on a high level of trust. He emphasized that the letter should be very detailed and contain a high level of information on the points above.
Next steps: HU will prepare a first draft of the letter, which would be discussed with DG GROW early next week. Another meeting would be planned for the following week, so that the HU commitment would be finalised by the end of the month. A meeting between Minister Lazar and the Commissioner could then be organised to finalise the process.