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## ENTSOG publishes its position paper on European Commission's initiative to revise RED II - the Renewable Energy Directive

## (Brussels, 29 March, PR0235-21) ENTSOG has today published its position paper in response to the European Commission's (EC) initiative to revise RED II - the Renewable Energy Directive.

On 17 November 2020, the EC launched a public consultation questionnaire seeking stakeholder feedback on revision of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED II). EC considers the revision a way to implement the measures proposed in their Energy System Integration and Hydrogen strategies, the Renovation wave initiative, and other initiatives adopted under the European Green Deal. ENTSOG submitted its response to that public consultation on 28 January – this questionnaire response is available on ENTSOG website, <u>here</u>.

In this follow up position paper, ENTSOG outlines its key proposals for the forthcoming RED III:

- 1. Inclusion of **low-carbon gases**, to benefit from the supporting policy framework available for renewable gases.
- 2. Introduction of **clear terminology for low-carbon gases**, next to renewable gases.
- 3. Promotion of **market signals for the development of renewable energy** instead of administrative arrangements such as the additionality principle.
- 4. Creation of a **'single currency' for the EU climate market** via an EU-wide certification system based on Guarantees of Origin (GO) for renewable and low-carbon energy.
- 5. Facilitation of interaction between the Guarantees of Origin and the EU ETS markets.

Jan Ingwersen, ENTSOG General Director, commented, "ENTSOG welcomes European Commission's proposal to ensure that renewable energy contributes to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. We believe consideration of ENTSOG's proposals will help to achieve the EU's climate goals by removing unnecessary barriers for investments into renewable



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and low carbon gases, such as hydrogen, and facilitating the development of an EU market for renewable and low carbon gases."

The documents relating to ENTSOG's submission are available on the ENTSOG website, here.

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## **Editorial notes**

**European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG)** was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009 to promote the completion of the internal market for gas by facilitating cooperation between national gas transmission system operators (TSOs) across Europe and in line with European Union energy goals. More information can be found on the ENTSOG website – <u>www.entsog.eu</u>. List of Members, Associated Partners and Observers can be found at <u>www.entsog.eu/members</u>.