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6th meeting of Advisory Panel for Future Gas Grids

Key take-aways

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Agenda

	Description	Time
1.	Introduction and welcome by Piotr Kuś	13:00-13:05
2.	Session on Security of Supply with Stefano Grassi <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation on RePower EU Communication with Stefano Grassi• Panel interventions chaired by Piotr Kuś (ENTSOG)• Discussion	13:05-14:30
3.	Session on Members views on Hydrogen and Decarbonised Gas Markets Package focusing on Energy security, Energy access, Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction by James Watson (Eurogas)• Panel interventions chaired by James Watson (Eurogas)• Discussion	14:30-15:45
4.	Summary and next steps	15:45-16:00

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Session with Stefano Grassi, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Kadri Simson

- Stefano Grassi focused on gas package, RePower EU, proposal on Regulation on storage and informed on RePower EU Action Plan to be adopted on 18 May
 - **RePower EU Action Plan:** EC to collect information from MS bottom up which infra projects they consider necessary to support diversification away from RU (mix res and classic natural gas projects), match this with top-down process with TYNDP process and combine it together to get a compact list of projects, looking at funding possibilities
 - **Biogas:** gas package to tap into potential of biogas and biomethane and with RePower EU doubling of target,
 - **H2 accelerator:** needed to help industrial sectors to shift away from natural gas – need to have robust proposal on permitting authorisations for renewable projects, faster on state aid and IPCEIs, need to work on demand side (CCfD) and focus on international dimension (MOUs with 3rd countries)
 - **Regulation on Storage:** policy signal but needs to be also regulatory signal,
 - **External gas policy:** setting up EU energy task force – agile structure combining MS and EC, Advisory Board of industry to provide expertise, output is logistical & infra coordination, pooling of demand – joint negotiating team to get to the target, with 3rd countries discuss and identify if there can be agreement on volumes of supply and demand (MOUs)
 - **Communications:** Recommendation on Permitting & Authorization, Policy document on legislative changes for optimization of electricity market design, Communication on Solar Strategy

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– Session on Security of Supply and RePower EU with Stefano Grassi

- **EFET:** coordinated action important, **wholesale price signals remain the best means to attract new supplies**, reservations on joint purchasing arrangements as difficult to agree and may inhibit commercial innovation, storage policies should work with the market to ensure they can be delivered at least cost
- **Equinor:** agree with EFET to focus working on markets, **as investors need market and price signals**, EC right to minimize high electricity prices through **retail level measures** than wholesale measures, need to use flexibility of state aid rules, on gas storage regulation there is risk for overall gas demand increase and MS competition rather than cooperation
- **Eurogas:** welcomed higher targets for res gases, but question where to include in legislation remains open (REDIII?), diversification is needed, we still see the role for natural gas for future, **need for long-term contracts (US relevance)**, need to make sure the storage is grounded in market function and coordination is needed
- **GIE/GSE:** support market-based approach with necessary regulatory incentives for storage bookings, difficult to define one size fits all as filling target to provide for SOS, **filling targets and pathways are reasonable in times of crises but need to take into account different conditions in MS**, flexibility needed
- **GIE/GLE:** storage capacity obligation with SOS reg there should be bigger role for LNG terminals, have storage capacities not used for operation purposes and can contribute to SOS, **need fast-track approval procedures for planned LNG terminals, LNG terminals can be used for decarbonisation**

– Session on Hydrogen and Decarbonised Gas Market Package

- **Gassco:** NO intends to continue as trustworthy supplier to EU, blue H2 and ammonia can be produced and transported, **need security of demand downstream in EU**
- **CEFC:** **GQ needs to be maintained**, H2 purity levels to be ensured, definition of low-carbon H2 should be predictable, no fundamental issue against blending but need to address cascading elements
- **Hydrogen Europe:** **in order to replace 50bcm of gas per year need 300-400GW electrolyzers capacity by 2030, need feasible rules in DA on RFNBOs, no need to overregulate the nascent H2 sector, grid development – need to include the H2 stakeholder in planning, 5% blending cap at IPs acceptable, need definition of low-carbon gases by end of the year, tariff discount – prioritization for renewable gases should be considered**



Thank you for your attention

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