

**35th MEETING OF THE
EUROPEAN GAS REGULATORY FORUM
29-30 April 2021
Location: Virtual event**

Day 1, 29 April 2021

Session 1 **10:00 – 13:00**

01 Opening address **10:00 – 10:30**

- 01.01 Introduction by Chair [10:00-10:10]
- 01.02 Implementing the European Green Deal – Fit for 55 Package
– Update by the Commission [10:10-10:30]

02 Access of renewable and low-carbon gases to the existing gas infrastructure **10:30 – 11:50**

- 02.01 Introduction by the Commission [10:30-10:40]
- 02.02 Perspective of renewable gas producers – EBA presentation (tbc) [10:40-10:50]
- 02.03 Facilitating and scaling-up the injection of renewable gases – Presentation of the DSOs' perspective [10:50-11:00]

Discussion [11:00-11:50]

Questions to steer the discussion:

Which of the below measures will be important to increase deployment of renewable and low carbon gases in the existing gas network and why?

- a) Inclusion of DSO level into entry exit zone of TSOs;*
- b) Ensuring connection and firm capacity at DSO level (by e.g. introducing obligatory reverse flow from DSO to TSO level);*
- c) Socialisation of part of the renewables costs in network tariffs (e.g. quality adjustment costs, costs of injection, costs of connection);*
- d) Building decentralised, self-sufficient local markets based on the DSO level networks?*

Break **11:50 – 12:00**

03 Cont'd: Access of renewable and low-carbon gases to the existing gas infrastructure **12:00 – 13:00**

- 03.01 Introduction by the Commission [12:00-12:15]

Discussion [12:15-13:00]

Questions to steer the discussion:

- 1. Does the abolishment of the regulated tariff on intra-EU IPs help to decarbonise the gas market (solving the issue of so called pancaking)?*
- 2. Do low-carbon gases experience regulatory entry barriers? What would be the best instruments to alleviate these?*

Lunch break **13:00 – 14:00**

04 Integrated infrastructure planning

14:00 – 14:50

- 04.01 Introduction by the Commission [14:00-14:10]
- 04.02 Integrated national network development plans through the Danish example – Presentation by the Danish NRA/TSO (tbc) [14:10-14:20]

Discussion [14:20-14:50]

Questions to steer the discussion:

1. *How can gas, electricity, hydrogen and heating infrastructure planning be integrated at national level?*
2. *How to align the national network planning with the European network development?*
3. *How can infrastructure investments in one sector (for instance hydrogen) benefit from avoided infrastructure cost in another sector (like electricity)?*

Session 2

14:50 – 17:00

05 Regulatory framework for pure hydrogen market and infrastructure

14:50 – 15:50

- 05.01 Introduction by the Commission [14:50-15:00]
- 05.02 HyWay27 study on the reuse of natural gas network for a hydrogen backbone in the Netherlands – Presentation by the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate [15:00-15:10]
- 05.03 NGO perspective (tbc) [15:10-15:20]

Discussion [15:20-15:50]

Question to steer the discussion:

1. *Which are the main regulatory barriers to the development of a liquid cross-border hydrogen market with sufficient and timely infrastructure?*
2. *What EU level regulatory model would be suitable to foster the emergence of a well-functioning pure hydrogen market with sufficient and timely infrastructure? E.g. no regulatory intervention vs. EU-level key regulatory principles vs. EU-level regulatory framework (incl. technical rules).*

Break

15:50 – 16:00

06 Cont'd: Regulatory framework for pure hydrogen market and infrastructure 16:00 – 17:00

- 06.01 From negotiated to regulated Third Party Access – Lessons learnt from methane markets (tbc) [16:00-16:10]
- 06.02 Regulated vs. non-regulated hydrogen networks: How to deal with private hydrogen pipelines? (tbc) [16:10-16:20]
- 06.03 Preconditions for establishing a hydrogen exchange – Presentation by the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate (tbc) [16:20-16:30]

Discussion [16:30-17:00]

Question to steer the discussion:

- 3. How should non-discriminatory access to future pure hydrogen networks be ensured?
Negotiated TPA vs. regulated TPA?*
- 4. How should existing and future private hydrogen pipelines be regulated and why?*

Closing of Day 1

17:00

Day 2, 30 April 2021

Session 3 **10:00 – 12:50**

07 Gas quality in the in the existing gas network **10:00 – 11:30**

- 07.01 Introduction by the Commission [10:00-10:10]
- 07.02 The Wobbe Index in the H-gas standard and renewable gases in gas quality standardisation – Presentation by CEN [10:10-10:20]
- 07.03 Gas quality management in the European gas networks – Presentation by Frontier Economics [10:20-10:30]
- 07.04 Impact of gas quality changes on gas appliance manufacturers and end-users – EUROMOT presentation (tbc) [10:30-10:40]

Discussion [10:40-11:30]

Question to steer the discussion:

1. *Do you support the blending of hydrogen into the existing gas network? If so, to what extent?*
2. *Is European level harmonisation of the technical quality standards (CEN standard) necessary to allow the unhindered cross-border flow and trade of renewable and low-carbon gases? Is there a need for binding gas quality standards and/or hydrogen blending levels in EU legislation?*
3. *How best to strengthen cross-border coordination allowing for cost-effective solutions?*
4. *Who should bear the cost of gas quality management within agreed standards?*

Break **11:30-11:40**

08 Implementation of market rules in the internal gas market **11:40 – 12:50**

08.A Network Code implementation and EU internal gas market functioning
11:40 – 12:20

- 08.A.01 TAR NC implementation: Progress on allowed revenues – ACER presentation [11:40-11:50]
- 08.A.02 Network Code implementation and Functionality Platform issues – ENTSOG presentation (tbc) [11:50-12:00]

Discussion [12:00-12:20]

08.B Improving market functioning in the Energy Community **12:20 – 12:50**
08.B.01 Update – Energy Community Secretariat [12:20-12:30]

Discussion [12:30-12:50]

Break **12:50 – 13:00**

Conclusions of the Forum **13:00 – 13:30**

End of the meeting