

## Preparatory note – GIE Annual Conference

Session '*Hydrogen Talks*'

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October (11.50-13.15) – KKL, Lucerne

### I. Agenda

#### **11:50 – 13:15 | Hydrogen Decarbonised Gas Package**

Regulatory framework for hydrogen: what's coming next

By [REDACTED] | Managing Director at ONTRAS & GIE New Gases Area Sponsor

Hydrogen developments in the Netherlands

By [REDACTED] | Manager Business Development Hydrogen at Gasunie

Hydrogen Talk

Moderated by [REDACTED] CEO at Uniper Hydrogen & GSE President

- Tudor Constantinescu | Principal Advisor at DG ENER, European Commission
- [REDACTED] Head of Department Infrastructure, Gas & Retail at ACER
- [REDACTED] CEO at Hydrogen Europe
- [REDACTED] The voice of NGOs & civil society
- [REDACTED] | General Director at ENTSG

### II. Format of the session

1. Introduction of the session and the panelists by the moderator – 3-4 min
2. 1<sup>st</sup> part around one of the questions submitted by every speaker – 4-5 min per speaker
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> part more flexible
4. Conclusions by the moderator – 2-3 min

### III. Questions suggested by the different panelists

#### **By Tudor Constantinescu (DG ENER, to start first as needs to live earlier)**

- What is the Commission doing to support the uptake of renewable (and low-carbon) hydrogen?

#### **By [REDACTED] (the voice of NGOs & civil society)**

- The commitment to a net-zero economy by 2050 requires new technologies to enter the landscape and be deployed at scale in order to help us achieve this transformational goal. Could you tell us then, how you see the role of hydrogen in this equation?

- What are areas of disagreement between NGOs and industry and what are places of constructive engagement with each other? Please give 3 examples of areas where we could seek to build a closer cooperation and a joint narrative.

**By [REDACTED] (ACER)**

- Do you see a need for cross-subsidisation to kick-start hydrogen developments, and if so what conditions would need to be attached to that?
- Building on the successful experience in natural gas regulation, what kind of unbundling regime do you consider beneficial for the hydrogen sector?

**By [REDACTED] (Hydrogen Europe)**

- How can hydrogen and gas be reconciled under the same regulatory framework?
- Why do we need a separate approach to hydrogen? Is hydrogen not a gas?
- How do we move from cheap oil and gas to cheap hydrogen? What is the missing link?
- What is the role of imports? How can we ensure their flow into the EU? How do we move from the hydrogen strategy to a hydrogen backbone?

**By [REDACTED] (ENTSOG)**

- Which key principles are necessary to facilitate the development of hydrogen infrastructure?
- How can we finance and de-risk the costs of investments in hydrogen infrastructure?

#### **IV. Questions by the audience**

- **In Lucerne:** There will be a dedicated part on the stage to invite participants to come and ask questions to the panelists ('stage interventions').
- **Online:** Dedicated chat section on the platform. The questions will be shared with the moderator (certainly via a tablet computer).