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Subject: Hydrogen: Meeting with NGOs 3 June 2021 - Main Points

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Participants:

(Bellona), (Germanwatch), (WWF), (CAN), (T&E)

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Main Points:

In response to questions by NGO representatives in relation to the governance of the Alliance, COM explained that the screening and assessment of projects collected by the COM from Alliance members is undertaken by the COM services and not by members of the Alliance, its roundtables or its facilitating organisations. COM explained it had further strengthened its guidance of the Alliance, while ensuring there is room for members to discuss and exchange (eg forthcoming project match-making). Measures had also been taken to increase transparency. Responding to questions, COM explained process from project collection to creation of a project pipeline and clarified that no ranking or selection of projects for financing was foreseen (financing decisions being taken separately under financial programmes). COM explained that aim of the funding compass (to be presented at forthcoming Hydrogen Forum) is to provide stakeholders with an overview of public funding sources, not to award any funding. NGOs recalled that they believe that public funds should support only renewable hydrogen and no blending with gas in transmission. No free ETS allowances should be awarded to blue hydrogen projects.



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