

**Inter-Service group meeting on draft IA for energy-related methane legislative proposal**  
**Wednesday 16 June 2021**

ENER C.2 organised the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inter-Service Group (ISG) meeting on energy-related methane emissions to discuss the draft impact assessment on a proposal for a legislative act to reduce methane emissions in the oil, gas and coal sectors with the participation of DG AGRI, CLIMA, ENV, INTPA, the JRC, NEAR, REGIO, TRADE, SANTE, DEFIS, the EEAS, and SG.

ENER opened the ISG and gave a brief presentation of the context of the proposal, followed by a summary of the timeline and presentation of the preferred options for the different policy areas. DGs were either explicitly supportive of the preferred options or did not express opposition to them, only clarifications were sought

Key points raised by the different DGs were:

- SG and JRC agreed with the assessment of preferred options.
- SG requested to better develop the **subsidiarity** aspects.
- SG asked to clarify why this legislative proposal is necessary considering the **CTP** and the **phase-out of fossil fuels**.
- SG requested to strengthen the explanations on **biomass and biomethane**.
- SG asked to develop **specific impacts** in the assessment of the policy options in the impact chapter.
- SG highlighted the need for more **data** and give explanations in that regard.
- SG insisted on the need to ensure a good presentation of the **stakeholder consultation**.
- SG specified that the impact assessment should first focus on assessing policy options before jumping to conclusions.
- SG and CLIMA asked to clarify the mechanism under option 3.3 on the **legislative equivalence**. NEAR shared the remarks made by other DGs and underlined the momentum for southern neighborhood countries. EEAS asked to specify the elements that will be included in the label described in policy area 3, and clarification on emissions information on the label. INTPA asked to clarify the link between IMEO and option 3.3.
- CLIMA insisted on the need to have an **accurate wording** that does not undermine the UNFCCC, and to pay attention to the phrasing of EU responsibility for emissions occurring outside the EU.
- CLIMA specified that references to **carbon pricing** in the text need to be consistent across the proposal.
- JRC underlined the importance of **MRV** and the need to demonstrate EU leadership in this area with a mechanism that can be applied outside the EU.
- NEAR underlined the need to assess carefully the impacts for **super emitters** such as Egypt and Algeria.

As next steps, ENER will integrate the oral and written comments from the DGs into the impact assessment.