

MEETING CONCLUSIONS

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Participants	Ext : COM: Commissioner Kadri Simson, Kittu Nyitrai, Member of cabinet, Policy Officer ENER B2
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Issues raised & follow-up	<p>Key points discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enagas' focus is on promoting new uses of natural gas as substitution for more emitting fossil fuels and on promoting investments in new technologies to support the decarbonisation of the EU's energy sector and its economy. To support the use of hydrogen, Enagas plans to blend hydrogen into the gas network as a start before at a later stage dedicated networks can be established. The effect of blending on gas quality and on end-user appliances is not an imminent problem due to the overall low volume of hydrogen in the network in the coming years. The current 3rd Energy Package unbundling rules prohibit TSOs from producing hydrogen. Enagas advocates for adapting the regulatory framework to allow TSOs to produce hydrogen. In any case Enagas as TSO is ready to transport hydrogen in its networks. Enagas is working on projects with the support of the Spanish government to demonstrate the technology and economics of hydrogen production both for blending and for use as pure hydrogen in the transport sector (Green Spider IPCEI and Power to Green Hydrogen Mallorca). They also aim at bundling such projects into regional ones in Southern Europe. To support the marketability of renewable gases, a certificate of origin system should be introduced in Spain in February this year. <p>The Commissioner underlined the importance of hydrogen in the future energy mix and referred to the Sector Integration Strategy to be adopted mid-2020 as non-legislative initiative, as stated in the Commission Work Programme 2020.</p>