

Two bilateral meetings of [REDACTED], HoU B1, with MEP Ville Niinistö (Greens/FI), ITRE coordinator of the Greens, and MEP Jutta Paulus (Greens/DE), ITRE substitute, on 5 Dec 2019

On **PCI list and TEN-E revision**, both MEPs **Niinistö** and **Paulus** recalled in their respective meetings:

- 5th PCI list needs to be based on stronger sustainability criteria
- A strong climate impact assessment needs to be included in the revision of the TEN-E regulation – necessary in view of Green Deal!
- We cannot afford financing of fossil fuel infrastructure that will become stranded assets; at least the infrastructure would need to be future proof and able to transport more modern types of gas such as green hydrogen (multi-purpose pipelines) and avoid methane leakage

In her meeting, MEP **Paulus** also mentioned:

- Full use of available data from Copernicus needs to be made to tackle methane leakage
- CCS could help to avoid process caused emissions and need to be included in sustainability criteria
- Stronger say of ACER could be useful when drafting the future PCI lists in order to have better oversight over project selection
- Further harmonisation of network codes necessary, especially in the gas market

In both meetings, the **COM Representative**

- assured that TEN-E revision is a priority for the Commission, even though it will probably not be ready for the 5th PCI list, where work is beginning already
- Evaluation of the TEN-E regulation will be speeded up to present the results of the review including any accompanying legislative proposal to the co-legislators by the end of next year as stated by Commissioner in ITRE; he also recalled the procedures to be respected (impact assessment, public consultation etc.)
- However, currently study on sustainability is ongoing, and results could already lead to better sustainability assessments of projects for 5th PCI list, to which Commission is committed already on the basis of the current TEN-E regulation.
- Commission will also put forward a comprehensive methane strategy, which will also help in that regard.
- Commission will definitely look into ways of integrating hydrogen into the gas infrastructure in the future, in particular in view of long term decarbonisation objectives, just like the integration of more storage and CCS infrastructure; he also recalled the increasing importance of sector coupling and integration in general.

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