


Cabinet of Commissioner Kadri SIMSON - Minutes of VideoConference

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Title	Roundtable with Eurogas [redacted] on EU Energy System Integration and EU Hydrogen Strategy
Date	01-10-2020 from 10:30 to 11:30
Participants	<p>Ext : EUROGAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eurogas [redacted] - Eurogas [redacted] - Eurogas [redacted] - Eurogas [redacted] <p>COM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commissioner Kadri Simson, - Kitti Nyitrai (CAB), - [redacted] (DG ENER)
	Ares initial request : Unknown
	Disclosure authorization : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES - <input type="checkbox"/> NO - <input type="checkbox"/> Partial (pls highlight unauthorized parts)
Issues raised & follow-up	<p>EUROGAS presented its views on the role of gas towards net zero emissions based on a study commissioned by EUROGAS from DVL GL (https://eurogas.org/knowledge_centre/a-pathway-to-a-carbon-neutral-2050-the-role-of-gas/), emphasising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuing role of gas can deliver decarbonisation at significant lower costs. In particular the electrification of heat demand entails high costs. - Hydrogen represents an important opportunity, initially (also) from reformed natural gas but increasing and predominantly by means of electrolyser by 2050. Transitional role for blending of H2 in the natural gas grid. CCS will remain necessary, also by 2050. - Eurogas supports methane strategy plans of the Commission. - Eurogas argued for binding 2030 EU-level targets on gas demand: >20% GHG intensity reduction and >11% renewable gas <p> Eurogas - Com Simson slides.pdf</p> <p>The Commissioner recalled the policy framework on climate-neutrality and the Commission proposal for increased 2030 targets, emphasising that different solutions will compete against each other and that in the end the choice must be given in the hands of the consumers.</p> <p>The Commissioner outlined the key questions under examination for the TEN E revision, asking the industry about the implications of increasing local renewable gas injections on the transmission system. Eurogas expected that the significant changes would relate rather to the distribution and less to the transmission level.</p>