

# FISMA/11007 - Invitation to speak - ZEP Advisory Council meeting

## Meeting date and place

Meeting held on 16/12/2020 10:50

## Participating organisation(s) representative(s)

ETIP ZEP Requester

## Main issues discussed

(ZEP) gives the floor to , DG FISMA, for an update on the Taxonomy delegated acts.

Firstly, she mentions that the Strategy on Sustainable Finance has been postponed to 2021. After a recap on the timeline for the Taxonomy consultation and a brief

update on the delegated acts, highlights that the work on finalising the delegated acts is ongoing and that the list of eligible economic activities will be updated over the years. Changes and adjustments will be made over time – the objective of the Taxonomy is not to be prescriptive but to give a reliable indication of sustainable economic activities. She informs that the timeline for adoption of the delegated acts has changed and is likely to delay, due to the high volume of feedback received by the Commission.

opens the floor

for questions.

asks how the different mitigation thresholds in different delegated acts should be interpreted? : There will be thresholds in all the delegated acts – one to

highlight if an activity makes a substantial contribution and is therefore a golden standard in one specific sector; the others, 'Do no significant harm'

are the safeguards to ensure the coherence across environmental objectives. While the level of ambition for DNSH generally corresponds to those in other EU legislations, there are

cases where they can and have to go beyond existing law. Where other legislation refers to the DNSH criteria in particular, including for funding opportunities, the taxonomy criteria are usually offered as one possible alternative among others.

asks why CCU is excluded and why the capture of CO2 anthropogenic emissions (CO2 capture)

excluded is? : DAC and CO2 capture were mentioned in TEG report. However, DAC is not commercially available at large-scale and is now listed as R&D

activity; CO2 capture is not a self-standing activity but associated with specific industrial sectors and is included directly in the respective activities.

CCU not included for lack of evidence for now, although some applications of CCU for manufacturing of low-carbon products might be interesting. She invites AP

to make this clear in the feedback to the consultation.

asks why there is no indication of declining thresholds? : A direct emissions threshold based on average EU emission data has been chosen as the

preferred methodology. The Commission believes that the thresholds should indeed be tightened in the future, as also outlined in the Taxonomy Regulation, and

will amend the delegated acts periodically. However, fixing trajectories with potentially marginal differences too much in advance might also affect usability and risks to miss out on making the right adjustments later based on new technologies and policies, which is why the current approach removes the declining threshold for now.

concludes the discussion stating that all technologies should be subject to an LCA and that the Taxonomy must remain technology neutral and science-based and pursue the

objective of net-zero by 2050. ZEP will respond to the consultation.

#### Directorate or unit

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#### Internal participants

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Notetaker

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