

Videocall ENER/ SGUA with Mr. Riepkin, Hydrogen Council Ukraine, and Mission of Ukraine

On 7/3, a meeting took place between the Energy Advisor of the Ukrainian Foreign Minister and Head of the Ukrainian Hydrogen Council, Mr Riepkin, and Commission services (ENER, SGUA, GROW). The UA Mission in Brussels also participated. The meeting was originally scheduled to discuss hydrogen cooperation, in view of the ongoing war the Ukrainian side also raised a few other issues.

On COM side, the meeting was attended by [REDACTED] (ENER), [REDACTED] (SGUA), and [REDACTED] (GROW).

On hydrogen, UA side outlined existing close cooperation with Hydrogen Europe and asked for COM support for B2B contacts. H2Global from DE had in the past too much focused on Russia but was now re-orienting.

As to legislative developments, he said that the government was about to finalise a draft law on guarantees of origin (GOs) and asked for COM support to ensure compliance with RED II.

COM made a short presentation on priorities in international H2 cooperation and with Ukraine and explained that the EU framework for hydrogen would further evolve in view of the current situation (including regarding two delegated acts that still have to be adopted to establish the certification system for green H2) which would require to speed up Fit-for-55 package objectives and implementation including with regard to hydrogen policy. We also explained the envisaged certification framework for renewable H2 done through the RED II certification system. We offered to have more detailed discussion on this subject and on the Ukrainian situation in a follow-up meeting.

GROW recalled that UA companies are also part of the Clean Hydrogen Alliance and asked UA to share the list of projects/priorities discussed with Hydrogen Europe.