Meeting upon FuelsEurope request, to discuss the next steps on the Oil Stocks Directive (Directive 2009/119).

This was the first meeting with the new representatives in Brussels. They confirmed the comments made in the association’s reply to the public consultation (see presentation enclosed). They offered support for the impact assessment.

ENER stressed that data/evidence collection will be key for the impact assessment, so that changes in the methodology (expected to be done via comitology) can be justified; we will invite the consultant in due time to liaise with the association (and other stakeholders) for this purpose.

They mentioned that independent oil companies would be approaching the Commission, possibly asking for a reduction in the 90 days obligation. We made clear that this is not on the table.