### Meeting Conclusions

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Meeting Kadri SIMSON with ENTSO-G

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**Issues raised & follow-up**

Commissioner Kadri Simson met ENTSO to discuss related initiatives in the Green Deal.

Key points discussed:

- The agenda to connect EU markets and end energy isolation is well on track, however South East Europe is for the moment still insufficiently interconnected.
- The winter preparedness this year has been exemplary, EU security of gas supply has improved significantly.
- ENTSO is committed to decarbonisation of the gas sector, they presented their vision in December 2019 in their 2050 roadmap. Workshops will be organised on the recommendations of the roadmap in the coming months in Brussels and ENTSO counts on the Commission’s participation.
- The Roadmap endorses sector coupling between gas and electricity as a way to facilitate decarbonisation and promotes a role for TSOs.
- New types of gas infrastructure projects will be needed. The TYNDP 2020 will for the first time include “energy transition projects” – such as power-to-gas and hydrogen – and ENTSO is interested to contribute to the TEN-E review process. It’s important to ensure that the existing and future gas infrastructure is hydrogen-proof. ENTSO has also liaised with equipment manufacturers (e.g. producers of compressor stations, steel producers) to ensure this.
- On hydrogen blending, ENTSO outlined the challenges of different gas quality standards and mixture levels for the EU internal market.
- ENTSO supports closer coordination with ENTSOE, they are running the Focus study with the aim of developing joint modelling between gas and electricity further.
- ENTSO sees that while in the West, new decarbonisation technologies are at the centre of the discussion, in the East the coal-to-gas switch is more intensively discussed as having most potential to contribute to decarbonisation in the short- to mid-term.
- ENTSO is committed to address methane leakage. They outlined some of the latest technologies used to detect it (regular inspection via helicopters and drones and installed gas cameras), considering that the necessary technology exist but its costs should be recognised by the regulators. They are actively raising the awareness, see scope for EU action and are engaged also at international level.