

Subject:

Meeting between Ms Maja BAKRAN, Deputy Director General DG MOVE, and
NGVA 18-07-2018 at 10h a.m.

Participants from NGVA Europe:

Messages from NGVA Europe

- The Natural & bio Gas Vehicle Association (NGVA Europe) is a European association that promotes the use of natural and renewable gas as a fuel in vehicles and ships. Founded in 2008, its 135 members from 31 countries include companies and national associations from across the entire gas and vehicle manufacturing chain.
- Natural gas as fuel for transport is available, affordable and the relevant technology is mature. Carbon neutral mobility can be achieved with renewable gas. Natural gas emits close to zero p.m. and low NOx emissions
- According to the "2030 g-mobility road map" elaborated by NGVA , it is estimated in the EU by 2030 a share of :
 - 12.2% of natural gas passenger cars and light duty vehicles
 - 25 % of natural gas trucks
 - 30% of natural gas busses

The road map also estimates the use of 30% of renewable gas by 2030

- NGVA would like to receive financial support from the Commission for the creation of a Natural Gas Platform with the following objectives:
 - Coordinate and integrate at EU level projects related to
 - Renewable gas production process
 - Fuel distribution(infrastructure)
 - Product technologies development
 - Match R&D activities and sustaining demonstration projects providing a common floor to H2020&FP9 and CEF projects as well as LIFE and INTERREG initiatives
 - Facilitate synergies and cross-fertilization among projects and new initiatives
 - Identify technological and legislative barriers
 - Continuous monitoring of the project results and support dissemination
 - Optimize the EU financial support
 - Being a EU reference platform also for national initiatives

Ms Bakran highlighted that already a significant EU support is given to natural gas and biometane infrastructures and vehicles under the Connecting Europe Facility programme, Horizon 2020 and EFSI.

It is also expected that these programs will receive a higher budget under the new MFF. The Commission, like in the past, will follow a neutral technological approach.

Regarding the proposal for the creation of a Platform on Natural Gas, Ms Bakran requested [REDACTED] to send the Commission additional information on the envisaged content and activities of the Platform. This information will be forwarded to relevant Commission services. [REDACTED] recalled the previous cooperation under the Horizon 2020 special action and indicated that NGVA Europe would be looking into possibilities for the support for the Platform under similar arrangement in the future (in 2020 still from Horizon2020, and then from Horizon Europe post-2020).

In conclusion, [REDACTED] informed about the NGVA Europe activities also increasingly covering the maritime and even rail sectors, while [REDACTED] informed about the upcoming activities relating Fuel Price Comparison.

Best regards,

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