

Cabinet of Commissioner Kadri SIMSON - Minutes of Meeting

MEETING CONCLUSIONS

Title	Meeting with Cross-sector coalition representatives on 2030 renewable gas and gas decarbonisation targets
Date	16/9/2021
Participants	Ext. (Eurogas); (EHI); (EUTurbines); (COGEN Europe) COM: Commissioner Kadri Simson, Tatiana Marquez Uriarte (CAR)
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	Disclosure authorization : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES - <input type="checkbox"/> NO - <input type="checkbox"/> Partial (pls highlight unauthorized parts)
Issues raised & follow-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The cross-sector coalition presented their aims and composition (14 associations; <i>European Federation of Local Energy Companies (CEDEC), COGEN Europe, Eljine, Eurogas, European Biogas Association (EBA), European Heating Industry (EHI), EU Turbines, GD4S, European Gas Research Group (GERG), Gas Infrastructure Europe (GIE), GasNaturally, International DME Association (IDA), Liquid Gas Europe, Natural & Bio Gas Vehicle Association (NGVA Europe).</i> - The main aim of the coalition is to advocate for a binding 2030 EU-level target to lower the GHG intensity of gas consumed in the EU by at least 20% and increase the share of renewable gas to at least 11% in gas consumed. - The coalition explained that they had asked for this target at the time of the adoption of the Fit-for-55 package in July, but that it could also be included as part of the forthcoming Commission hydrogen and gas package. - They explained that through this target industry and investors could be given the signal that the gas system needs to be decarbonized and that all gas operators should be requested to have a certain share of renewable gas in their mix. - The Commissioner thanked them for their contribution to the Commission's policy and legislative work; agreed with them that the gas system needs to be decarbonized. She explained that the solution found in the revision of the Renewables Directive in July had however been another one, i.e. set a binding RES target without making a distinction between electricity and gas. In this way, the Commission does not express any preference for a carrier and leaves it to the market to decide on the most cost-efficient option. - The Commissioner encouraged the organisations to continue contributing with their views to the preparatory work for the Hydrogen and gas package.