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MEETING CONCLUSIONS

Title	Meeting with representatives of the Port of Rotterdam
Date	26/4/2022
Participants	<p>Ext : [REDACTED]</p> <p>COM: Tatiana Marquez Uriarte, [REDACTED] (ENER C1), [REDACTED] (ENER C2)</p>
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	Disclosure authorization : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES - <input type="checkbox"/> NO - <input type="checkbox"/> Partial (pls highlight unauthorized parts)
Summary	<p>Port of Rotterdam (PoR):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocates the role of hydrogen imports. Already when reading the H2 strategy, Happy that import part is very much acknowledged; - Plenty of projects, speeding up with REPowerEU; - Became members of Hydrogen Europe; - Happy with REPowerEU; - 13% of energy consumed in EU goes through PoR and it's all fossil fuel. Need to green these flows - Difficult for them to push for ports interests in energy discussions. Within Hydrogen Europe had to push for their items in the agenda; working with NL gas TSO but interest are very different - Need big support from national and EU policy-makers for the import of H2 and to decide where to import from; - DELTA project to connect PoR with Ruhr and Antwerp and other industrial clusters (includes pipelines for hydrogen, CO2, propane). Working with companies to see how much hydrogen should be imported. Consortium gathering companies to form the investment decision; - Ammonia most likely in the short term (ships available and technology ready). Later on other carriers. Question: do you transport ammonia to place of consumption and then transform it, or transform it in the port? <p>Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - REPowerEU presentation; - It imposes huge changes to our energy supplies and from infrastructure point of view; - Push as much as possible to move towards EGD; - If you make these huge changes, the question is for how long? Need to be ready for future decarbonisation scenario, including hydrogen-ready; - 1st challenge is to spend well money (public and private); - 2nd challenge is to structure EU market in a way that overcomes national solutions; - Important for PoR to participate to public consultation on additionality DA, whose rules will apply also to imported hydrogen; - Interested in calculations on how REPowerEU changed PoR plans and whether there are increased imports perspectives for natural gas and hydrogen.

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	<p>PoR to send volume imports forecasts (4.5 Mt by 2030, to be confirmed) and which sectors will be the off-takers (DELTA projects can help).</p> <p>ENER will organize follow-up meeting to discuss e.g. December proposal, certification, Delta pipeline project (https://www.portofrotterdam.com/en/news-and-press-releases/broad-industry-support-for-delta-corridor-project).</p>