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Industrial Transformation and Advanced Value Chains
Automotive and Mobility Industries

Meeting record

Date of meeting	24.01.2017
Place of meeting (<i>DG GROW premises, other DG premises, stakeholder premises..</i>)	DG GROW premises
Stakeholder(s)	FCA/IVECO/SNAM
Representative(s) of stakeholder(s)	SNAM: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] IVECO: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] FCA: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
DG GROW representatives	Gwenole Cozigou, [REDACTED]
Representatives of other DGs	-

Summary of meeting

The meeting was requested by FCA/IVECO/SNAM in order to discuss regulatory initiatives in the pipeline (in particular the future legislation on CO2 emissions for passenger cars and light-commercial vehicles but also the Clean Vehicle Directive) which may affect technological choices for low and zero emission mobility.

FCA, IVECO and SNAM have recently agreed to further develop natural gas infrastructure for transport in Italy. This initiative is one of the follow up of Directive 2014/94 for the support of the development of Alternative fuels infrastructure in Europe. They are considering similar initiative in Austria and they indicated that policies in support of deployment of the natural gas filling infrastructure are being undertaken also in FR (especially for the heavy-duty vehicle transport), BE (Wallonia), ES, UK, NL and, to a more limited extent, DE.

The representatives of industry explained that natural gas (CNG, LNG) is available for any type of transport, affordable and brings immediate environmental benefits both with respect to climate change (less CO2) and air quality (less PM/PN and NOx) compared to traditional fuels. In addition, further environmental – but also competitive/less fuel dependency - benefits can be expected from the increased use of biomethane (the FR experience was mentioned as an example-biomethane produced from waste). Indeed transition from CNG to bio-based gas in conventional engines can be done without any difficulty/limitation. Synergies with our policy on circular economy and waste management were also stressed.

In this context FCA/IVECO/SNAM claim that the natural gas technology should be treated fairly with respect to other alternative fuels, when it comes to regulatory choices. They insist that a technology neutral low emissions mobility approach is followed in the upcoming revision of the CO2 for cars regulations, but also in the overall support actions for the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure/alternative fuels vehicles (clean vehicles definition, public procurement, etc.).