Cabinet of Commissioner Kadri SIMSON - Minutes of VideoConference

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Title	MEETING WITH EUGINE PRESIDENT MR HERMANN KRÖGER AND VP KARI HIETANEN
Date	29 June 2020
Participants	Ext: Hermann Kröger, Kari Hietanen, COM: Thor-Sten VERTMANN (CAB-SIMSON),
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Issues raised & follow-up	Commissioner SIMSON shortly explained her views on the process of decarbonisation of gas and referred to the upcoming Energy Sector Integration Strategy and the Hydrogen Strategy. She also referred to the Recovery Plan in which renewables will play an important role.
	Mr Kroeger and Mr Hietanen presented EUGINE. made a presentation on EUGINE views regarding decarbonisation of energy sector (see the presentation).
	 Activities of EUGINE and their members in supplying gas engines to power plants and CHP plants Biogas/biomethane and H2 use in the power plants and the role in the energy system Importance of choice for the hard to decarbonise sectors of the most appropriate decarbonised energy vector (gas, electricity, heat) Importance of support for renewable gases (target, GOs, support) Ensuring predictable and reliable framework for blending for renewable gases Taxonomy (disagree to exclude fossil fuels): argue to include gaseous fuels and their contribution to decarbonisation and to recognise gas-to-power as transition activity Propose to include as "transition activity" power production from gases with a threshold for CO2 emissions reaching annually an amount of 100gCO2e/kWh with additional criteria of "hydrogen" readiness and require 20% efficiency.
	Commissioner SIMSON thanked for the presentation and proposed that EUGINE joins the Hydrogen platform.