**Hydrogen:**

**State of play of the regulatory framework**

**\*\*\* Agenda \*\*\***

**Date**: 30.03.2023

**Time:** 09.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

**Location:** Hybrid meeting, online and in person (ERCST’s offices, Rue Archimède 61, 1000 Brussels)

This workstream aims to take stock of key policy and regulatory developments of the EU hydrogen policy and regulatory framework identified by ERCST, without losing sight of the expected hydrogen market size by 2030. It also aims to put forward recommendations and propose innovative solutions to existing policy and regulatory bottle necks.

Most of the different building blocks of the EU hydrogen regulatory framework were already presented in various parts of the Fit-for-55 package (in particular in the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive along with the revision of the EU-ETS, ReFuelEU aviation, FuelEU Maritime, the AFIR and the CBAM regulation), the Hydrogen and Decarbonized Gas Market package and other relevant files such as the TEN-E, the EU taxonomy or the State Aid Guidelines for Environmental Protection and Energy.

With most of dossiers reaching the final stages of the legislative process, this meeting intends to take stock of the regulatory basis on which the EU hydrogen market will rely on for future growth and development.

On top of this, new elements have been proposed and should also be considered. These include the EU electricity market reform, the Net-Zero Industrial Act, the European Critical Raw Materials Act and a new Communication on the EU hydrogen Bank.

Taking into account recent policy and regulatory developments, this meeting intends to assess whether regulatory bottlenecks and some aspects that were identified as blocking or hindering the development of the hydrogen market have been solved. Some of these aspects include the establishment of suitable definitions for renewable and low-carbon hydrogen, the inclusion of hydrogen in the EU CBAM, the design of the rules that will govern the development of hydrogen transportation pipelines, the adoption of a technology neutral approach to EU hydrogen incentives or the competitiveness of the EU hydrogen market and EU industry vis-à-vis third countries.

When carrying out this assessment, it is important not to lose sight of the expected EU hydrogen market size. For this reason and during this meeting ERCST intends to present a demand-side perspective of how much hydrogen will be used by 2030 after a consultation round with relevant stakeholders.

The results of the discussions will be captured in a policy brief on the state of play, recent and future developments of the EU hydrogen regulatory framework.

**09:30 Welcome and introduction**

* A. Marcu, Executive Director of ERCST

**09:35 State of play of the H2 regulatory framework**

* A. Fernandez, ERCST

**09:45 Preliminary ramarks**

* J. Geier, MEP European Parliament
* R. Kempener, DG ENER, European Commission

**10:10**  **First Q&A**

**10:20 Panel discussion**

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| This meeting will start with a presentation by ERCST, outlining some of the key developments in the hydrogen regulatory framework in the previous months as well as identifying missing pieces and addressing those elements where there is still room for improvement. This will be followed by preliminary remarks from the European Parliament and the European Commission, and a panel discussion where speakers are expected to address the following questions. (5-7 mins per speaker):* Is the proposed regulatory framework ready to address disparate growth pathways and to adapt to the different ambition levels (EU hydrogen strategy, Fit for 55, Repower EU)?
* Have bottlenecks and hindering aspects been addressed throughout the different phases of the legislative process?
* What is coming next? Is there room for improvement?
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**Chair:** O. Imbault, ERCST

* E. Perret, EdF
* N. Romanowski, CEFIC
* G. Branzi, SNAM
* B. Malvault, Iberdrola
* C. van der Horst, Tata Steel

**11:00 First round of discussions and Q&A**

**11:30 Final remarks and end of the meeting**