**“Crunch issues” in the hydrogen and gas Directive**

**\*\*\* Draft Agenda \*\*\***

**This meeting is under Chatham house rule**

**Some speakers are still TBC**

**Date**: 30.05.2022

**Time:** 15.00 p.m. – 17.00 p.m.

**Location:** online, by invitation only

This workstream aims to bring together stakeholders, including policymakers and industry on a regular basis to discuss substantive issues around the topic of hydrogen, informed by original intellectual input from ERCST.

After several exchanges on the hydrogen and gas package held in December 2021, January and March 2022, ERCST believes there is still some room for improvement in the package. Some of ERCST’s views, which reflect the ideas collected during the different meetings and events can be found below:

[Policy Brief: The hydrogen and decarbonized gas market package](https://ercst.org/policy-brief-the-hydrogen-and-decarbonised-gas-market-package/)

[ERCST feedback to the hydrogen and decarbonized gas market package](https://ercst.org/ercstfeedback-to-the-h2-and-gaspackage-proposals/)

The ITRE Committee, leading committee for the Directive in the European Parliament must now react to the European Commission proposal, having the opportunity to influence the legislative process and complement the Commission proposal. Following the presentation of the draft report, the deadline for amendments in the Committee is foreseen by July 7th.

This meeting intends to shed more light on some key issues in the proposed Hydrogen and Gas Directive. Namely: the definition for low carbon hydrogen, the regulatory principles for third-party access and the alignment of the proposal with the energy system integration strategy.

**15:00 Welcome and introduction**

* A. Marcu, Director of ERCST
* O. Imbault, ERCST

**15:05 Preliminary remarks**

* J. Geier, Member of the European Parliament

**15:15 Key issues in the revision of the Hydrogen and Gas Directive**

* A. Fernandez, ERCST

**15:25**  **Chair**

* O. Imbault, ERCST

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| This meeting intends to have a substantive discussion on a number of issues:   * How could the Directive help hydrogen to be used where is needed the most?   + Is the proposed Directive aligned with the energy sector integration strategy?     - N. Rega, CEFIC * How could the definition for low-carbon hydrogen be improved? In concrete:   + What is the emissions’ scope and the fossil fuel comparator that should be used when defining low-carbon hydrogen?   + How could Methane leakage be incorporated into the definition?     - M. Labatut, EDF * Does the proposed regulation on third-party access foster or hinder the development of a hydrogen economy in the EU?   + What are the advantages and disadvantages of negotiated third party access until 2030?     - D. Noel, Air Liquide |

**16:00 Q&A and debate**

**17:00 End of the meeting**