**Towards a comprehensive hydrogen infrastructure: assessing progress and addressing gaps**

**Launch Event**

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

*Speakers are being confirmed*

**Date**: Thursday 11th December 2025

**Time**: 15.00 – 17:00 CET

**Location**: hybrid

This is the launch event of ERCST Paper ‘Towards a comprehensive H2 Infrastructure: assessing progress and addressing gaps’.

The development of a robust hydrogen infrastructure is a key enabler of the EU’s decarbonisation ambitions and the broader green transition. As part of its strategy to achieve climate neutrality by 2050, the EU has laid the groundwork for a hydrogen infrastructure framework that aims to facilitate the deployment of hydrogen across borders and sectors. This includes initiatives under the revised Trans-European Networks for Energy (TEN-E) Regulation, includes dedicated hydrogen infrastructure as a priority corridor, as well as targeted funding mechanisms. Together, these tools are intended to ensure that infrastructure planning keeps pace with the ramp-up of hydrogen production and demand. However, for the hydrogen economy to scale up effectively, the physical infrastructure, including pipelines, import terminals, storage, and third-party access facilities, must be timely, coherent, and interoperable. Any delays or gaps risk creating bottlenecks that could slow down or even derail progress toward climate and industrial goals.

This initiative aims to analyze the current status of hydrogen infrastructure development, including pipelines and terminals, identify the main uncertainties and challenges hindering progress, and examine the support mechanisms in place, including financing instruments and policy tools. It will also discuss the forthcoming European Grid Package (expected in Q1 2026) to develop recommendations.

15:00 – 15:10 **Welcome**

* Andrei Marcu, ERCST

15:10 - 15:25 **Paper Presentation by authors**

The authors of the Paper ‘Towards a comprehensive H2 Infrastructure: assessing progress and addressing gaps’ will present the objectives, contents, implications and key takeaways of the paper.

* Andrei Marcu, ERCST
* Olivier Imbault, ERCST
* Chiara Cavallera, ERCST

14:25 - 14:40 **Keynote**

The keynote speakers will offer their preliminary reflections on the paper, providing their institutional perspectives aligned with the current EU policy priorities. Their insights will contextualize the paper’s findings within the broader legislative landscape, enriching the discussions that will follow.

* Catharina Sikow-Magny, EU Commission, DG ENER
* Piotr Kus, ENTSOG

15:40 – 16.30 **Roundtable discussion**

The Roundtable speakers will present their views and expand on key issues related to the paper’s findings. Their expertise will bring additional depth and practical insights into the discussions, enriching the conversation with diverse perspectives from policy, industry, and NGOs. Each speaker will have around 7 minutes for his/her intervention.

* Bert De Backker, ExxonMobil
* Veerle Dossche, Agora Energiewende
* Jean-Marie Mizzi, FuelsEurope
* Lucia Odone, ENI
* Valeria Palmisano, Snam
* Julian Parodi, EPICO KlimaInnovation

16:30 - 17:00 **Q&A**

17:00 **End of the event**