

Final Concept for Steerco approval

Minutes of Meeting Steering Committee #6

Date, Venue: 30 March 2020, 10:30 – 12:30, Call.

Attendees:

Gasunie: Ulco Vermeulen, (10)(2e), (10)(2e), (10)(2e), (10)(2e)

Groningen Province: Nienke Homan, (10)(2e), (10)(2e), (10)(2e)

Groningen Seaports: Cas König, (10)(2e)

Shell: (10)(2e), (10)(2e), (10)(2e), (10)(2e), (10)(2e), (10)(2e)

Agenda

1. Minutes SC#5
2. IPCEI
3. Story line and key policy asks
4. Term sheet cooperation agreement
5. A.O.B.

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- In yellow: 'MacQuarie'
- Minutes further approved

IPCEI

- Update 'kabinetsvisie waterstof': the Dutch government has confirmed the importance of development of green hydrogen and is providing strong political support, but consequential (substantial) financial support has not been decided yet. This will need more time and may even be delayed until the next government (after elections);
- (10)(2e) guides the Steerco through the slide pack with the deep dive on IPCEI: important criteria for eligibility are 'first industrial deployment', 'multi-parties and multi-countries initiative', 'active support applicable member countries', the Dutch government should draft and forward a 'chapeau text' together with at least one other member state, in which several important criteria are addressed, with a coherent and convincing narrative on green hydrogen, identified funding gaps and with NorthH2 as one of the important projects.

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- EZK (the Dutch MEAC) has stated in the 'kabinetsvisie' to be interested to participate to a EU IPCEI-programme on hydrogen and has asked for projects with good perspectives, like NorthH2, to subscribe for participation (incl. NorthH2). By 1 May EZK expects a proposal text with a NorthH2 storyline (**action PA-team**), which highlights the eligible IPCEI-criteria applicable for NorthH2 and which can be incorporated in the chapeau text. The impact of the storyline will be stronger by confirming that more partners will be added to the project and that more regions (Limburg, Zeeland for example) will be involved.
- On top of that there will be further discussion with EZK on how and when sufficient financial support can be provided by the Dutch government in order to improve the impact and the chances of the final chapeau text for the IPCEI process (**action PA-team**);
- Timely action is required to achieve that the Dutch and the German government will cooperate and work together on the IPCEI-process on hydrogen (via EZK as frontrunner, and via other channels, coordinated (**action by PA-team and Steerco members**)). In the meantime the Dutch selling points on hydrogen should be kept on the table in Brussels at Hydrogen Europe, in cooperation with other participants like Vattenfall, Engie and Nouryon (**plan and coordination by PA-team**).
- After recap of key advocacy actions for the coming weeks, Ulco, Nienke and (10)(2e) confirmed to support the PA team ((10)(2e) en (10)(2e)) by maintaining direct lines.
- Another advocacy issue: how to make sure that in time enough space will be made available for development of offshore wind-parks to accommodate the ambitions of NorthH2 (and the ambitions of the Climate Agreement). A coherent and programmatic approach on green hydrogen is essential as a basis to become successful in achieving enough dedicated offshore wind capacities.

Storyline and key policy asks

- Request for more attention on (Dutch) climate policies which would trigger market demand for green hydrogen (CO2-pricing, targets, certificates, RVO/instruments);
- Further specify subsidy needs for each step in the process and for each part of the value chain;
- Enter a phase zero in the storyline for the technological staircase: phase zero at scale 100 - 200 MW.
- Suggestions to be included in new draft (**action: Shell**)

Term sheet cooperation agreement

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- Suggestion to look explicitly for partners in all parts of the value chain (not only investment partners);
- Limited thresholds (not too high) for new (study-)partners.

A.O.B.

- The Province is planning a call with Weinberger (DG Grow, IPCEI), preferably with participation of other Steerco-members (**Action Province**);
- The Province mentions that the corona problems could turn into chances with possibly new funds for development of new and sustainable activities in the (European) economy.
- For planning of an alternative for the cancelled VNO-NCW event a call will be organized (**action advocacy team**)