

## Minutes of the Coordination Group Meeting

09/05/2023

**Start & end of the meeting:** 10h00 – 11h00

**Venue:** Web-conference

**Attendants:** Liam Nolan (Chair), Alexander Schwanzer, Manuel Coxe, Anne-Sophie Decaux, José Miguel Tudela, Frank Graf, and Kris De Wit.

### I. Opening of the Session and approval of the agenda

The President welcomed the Members and opened the meeting.

The proposed agenda was approved without modification.

#### I.1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 6 March 2023

The minutes of the Coordination Group Meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 were approved with modification of the list of participants.

### II. Messages for the Madrid Forum of 11-12/05/2023

The participants exchanged on the possibilities for interventions during the Gas Regulatory Forum of 11-12 May in Madrid and agreed on the following 3 messages under points 6 (Decarbonizing the natural gas system) and 7 (Gas quality in the energy transition) of the agenda of the Forum:

- MARCOGAZ Technical assessments have demonstrated that the existing natural gas grid can and will be the infrastructure for the renewable and low carbon gases including biomethane and hydrogen.
- To emphasize that blending of hydrogen with natural gas in an acceptable %Vol is a valid option for the transition from natural gas to a dedicated hydrogen infrastructure.
- To inform the Forum that MARCOGAZ has finalized its study on 'Cost estimation of hydrogen admission into existing natural gas infrastructure and end-use' and the results will be made available soon after summer.

### III. Preparation of Executive Board and General Assembly

The next Executive Board and General Assembly meetings are under preparation and among the different topics to be discussed, it was considered that the Chairs of SCGU&H2+ and SCGI would bring messages to encourage much involvement of members in the WG, particularly the WG Sector Integration and to bring proposals on concrete topics that the WGs Storage and LNG could be addressing to attract prospective candidates for the chairpersonship.

#### **IV. Updates: 55th Anniversary and Chairmanship of the WGs**

The Secretary General informed that due to lower number of registrations verified from MARCOGAZ members, the event is being open to general public with the payment of symbolic fee of 140 EUR per person to avoid participants who register and do not attend.

#### **V. Dates of next meetings**

- [05/09/2023](#), from 10h00 to 11h00, via Teams
- [28/11/2023](#), from 10h00 to 11h00, via Teams
- [27/02/2024](#), from 10h00 to 11h00, via Teams

#### **VI. Any Other Business**

Nothing relevant to report.

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