

Highlights TF

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3rd CA-RES IV Plenary Meeting

9th-10th November 2022

Session 4: Implementation of GO for other renewable gasses (incl H2)

The topic of the session was implementation of GO for renewable gasses, including Hydrogen.

Participants concluded that finalization of conversion rules and the detailed relationship between (renewable) electricity and (renewable) H2 within the legal (EU) framework as well as within the (European) GO standard is a matter of the highest priority. Next to the market demand the implementation of national policies (e.g. quota or support schemes) for H2 are important drivers to finalize this work. Furthermore the goal of having proper statistics and the obligation to avoid double counting of renewable energy, which rests upon Member States, are other important drivers to finalize this work.

Participants also exchanged information and ideas on national implementation of GO's. Things that stood out was e.g. the idea that member states which still have to implement major elements of RED art 19 now have the opportunity to design an integrated GO system (across sectors) straight away. It was also stated that verification systems in third countries (import of energy from outside the EU / EEA) should at least be equivalent to the PPA & GO approach in the EU as to avoid for double counting renewables through cross border transfers / import into the EU.

From the EU Commission we have received a short update including a few clarifications related to implementing issues as well. Two important elements should be mentioned here:

The formal procedure to ask for recognition of GOs from a third country (Commission decision as per art 19) can only be initiated by the third country which seeks recognition of the GO. Furthermore it was stated that it is up to the Member States to decide whether to invoke rules on e.g. temporal or geographical correlation regarding renewable H2-production in the absence of further EU regulation (and even after acceptance of the DA as foreseen in art 27.3, for applications or sectors that will not be touched by this DA).