



EERA Policy WG meeting

Online Call #1 - 28 January 2021



► Agenda

- 1) Welcome and approval of minutes – 5'
- 2) Latest policy developments on the EU side – 20'
- 3) AOB – 5'

1) Welcome and approval of the minutes



2) Latest EU policy developments



▶ 4) General Overview



Sustainable recovery

- **MFF 2021-27 (Agreed ✓)**
- €1.07 billion, 30% to climate actions
- **Next Generation EU**
- Supporting key EU programmes (Horizon EU)
- €750 billion



European Green Deal

Published (among others):

- Energy System Integration Strategy
- Hydrogen Strategy
- Offshore Renewable Strategy

Upcoming:

- European Climate Law
- “Fit for 55” legislative dossier
- Energy Tax Directive
- Renewable Energy Directive (RED)
- Energy Efficiency Directive (EED)



Horizon Europe

- **Legislative package**
- To be published in February
- **Strategic Plan 2021-2024:**
- Key Strategic Orientations
- Clusters’ expected impact
- Missions
- **Work Programme 2021-2022**
- WP5 final Draft received by EERA

▶ 4) MFF & EU Recovery Fund / Next Generation EU

▶ Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)

Dec 2020: EU Council agrees on final EU Budget of €1.07 trillion. Of EERA interest:

- ▶ €132.8 billion to single market, innovation and digital
- ▶ €356.4 billion to natural resources and environment

▶ EU Recovery Fund - NextGenEU

- ▶ Final amount agreed in Dec 2020: **€750 billion. Entered into force on 01/01/21**
- ▶ **€672.5** billion to Recovery and Resilience Facility. Loans + grants available for reforms and investments undertaken by EU MS/AC
 - ▶ **37%** of expenditure **exclusively for the green transition**
- ▶ **€47.5** billion for REACT-EU, a new initiative that continues and extends the crisis response to the COVID-19 crisis
- ▶ **100%** of expenditure will be subject to the “**do no significant harm**” principle, excluding the vast majority of fossil fuel

 : **At least 30% of total amount of MFF + NextGenEU for climate objectives**



▶ 4) HEU Budget and HEU Strategic Plan

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▶ HEU Budget

- ▶ EU Council: agreement in Dec 2020 to grant additional **€4.6 billion + €3.9 billion** (from margin + competition fines) to the original proposal of **€80.9 billion**, for a grand **total of €89.5 billion under the EU Budget 2021-2027**.
- ▶ The **Recovery Fund** will provide HEU with **€5.4 billion**, while other additions will allocate other **€0.5 billion**
- ▶ **TOTAL HEU Budget: €95.5 billion**
 - ▶ Pillar I “Excellent and Open Science”: **€24.9 billion**
 - ▶ Pillar II “Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness”: **€53.8 billion**
 - ▶ **Cluster 5: “Climate, Energy and Mobility”: €13.5 billion**
 - ▶ Pillar III “Innovative Europe”: **€13.4 billion**
 - ▶ Part IV “Strengthening the European Research Area”: **€3.3 billion**

▶ HEU Strategic Plan

Documents received in a confidential way in Dec 2020:

- **HEU Draft Strategic Plan** available [here](#) - Including indications on Missions, European Partnerships, and information on the 6 Clusters of the Horizon Europe programme.
- **Cluster 5 WP** available [here](#) – 6 destinations included under the scope, each divided in different call areas.

EERA potential actions:

After the approval of the current WP, closely follow the negotiations for the **WP 2023-24** and:

- take an active role in order to ensure funding and research topics for EERA members' priorities;
- advocate for new EERA aisbl Identified Beneficiary Grant
- enhance co-operation with DG RTD and DG ENER



▶ 4) Overall HEU Timeline

- **2 May 2018**
The Commission adopts its proposal for the next EU long-term budget (MFF)
- **7 June 2018**
The Commission adopts its proposal for Horizon Europe
- **December 2020**
Agreement by the Council and the European Parliament
- **January 2021**
Adoption by the Council and the European Parliament
- **February 2021**
Strategic Plan adoption by the European Commission
- **April 2021**
Main work programme planned to be adopted



2 February 2021
Horizon Europe official
presentation

4) The European Green Deal – Key updates

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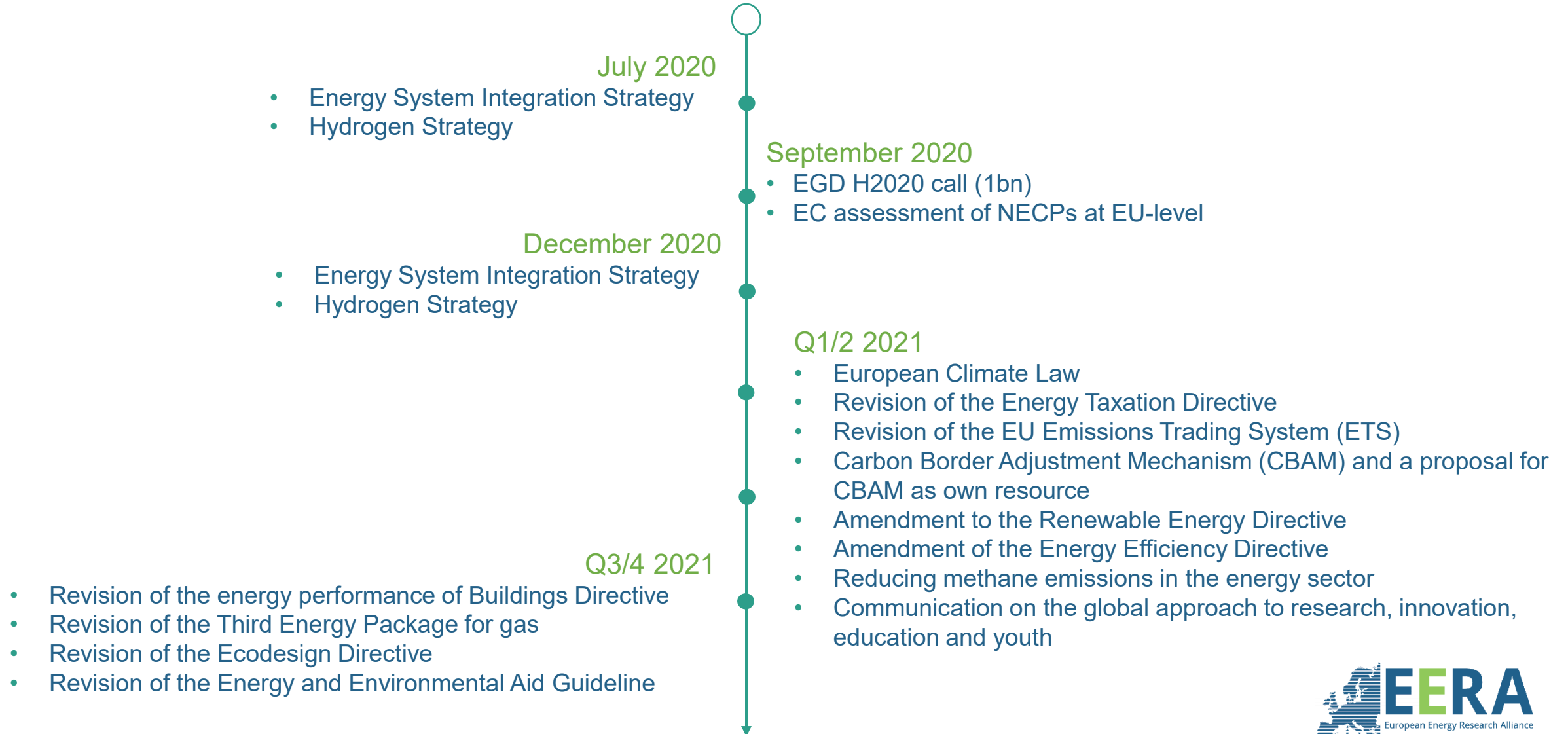
▶ Set of EC policy initiatives to make Europe climate neutral by 2050

- **2020:** European Industrial Strategy, Circular Economy Action Plan, EU Energy System Integration Strategy, EU Hydrogen Strategy, Renovation Wave, EU strategy on Offshore Renewable Energy etc.
- **2021:** European Climate Law, “Fit for 55” legislative dossier etc.

▶ *Portuguese Presidency: Focus on the Climate Law (CL)*

- EU needs to decide on **final climate target for 2030**, to be enshrined in the CL
- On this target: current fight between **EU Council - 55%** GHG reduction – and **EP - 60%** GHG reduction.

▶ 4) The European Green Deal: timeline



4) Launch of industrial alliances

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- ▶ European Battery Alliance
- ▶ European Clean Hydrogen Alliance
- ▶ European Raw Materials Alliance
- ▶ Circular Plastics Alliance



4) Ongoing EC public consultations

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Policy	Deadlines	How
EU Action Plan towards a Zero Pollution Ambition for air, water and soil	10 February 2021	Feedback to draft act (Link)
Batteries – modernising EU rules	01 March 2021	Feedback to survey (Link)
Trans-European energy infrastructure – revision of guidelines	08 March 2021	Feedback to survey (Link)
Industrial emissions – EU rules updated	23 March 2021	Feedback to survey (Link)
Industrial Pollution – European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register	23 March 2021	Feedback to survey (Link)

3) AOB





Thank you!
