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1 Introduction and welcome

Adrian Timbus, Chair of the Executive Committee (EXCO), opened the meeting. He welcomed everybody back after the holiday period.

2 Summary of the discussion

2.1 The fit-for-55 package: impacts and next steps

On 14 July the European Commission proposed a new set of legislative initiatives to deliver the new EU climate objective of becoming net-zero by 2050. To achieve climate-neutrality by 2050 the Commission reckons Europe can and should step up on its intermediate ambitions too. To this end the Commission proposes to raise the bloc's 2030 GHG reduction target to 55% (up from today's ambition of 40%). The new initiatives are called the fit-for-55 package.

The EXCO discussed some of the building blocks of this package:

- The updated Renewable Energy Directive. It will have a 40% renewable energy target (up from 32% today). This would result in a need of 450 GW of wind energy installed capacity in the EU-27 by 2030. 78 GW would be offshore.

The EXCO noted this is a tall order and that all European and national polices should work together to deliver on these ambitions. In particular permitting procedures need to be simplified and streamlined. Industrial polices need to incentivise more investments in clean energy industries too.

- The updated Emission Trading Scheme (ETS). It will decrease of the number of available allowances faster and include new sectors such as aviation and maritime shipping. In addition, the Commission proposes to set up a second ETS for road transport and buildings. This second ETS would also fund a new social funds to mitigate the impacts of the energy transition on Europe's most disadvantaged citizens.
- Carbon border adjustment mechanism. This new tool would ensure that products that are produced outside of the EU and have a higher environmental footprint are appropriately taxed to protect European industries.

The EXCO stressed that the mechanics should ensure that Europe's clean energy companies retain their competitive edge both in the European and global market. Policymakers should keep the over system benefits in mind when applying additional import/export taxes on specific products and materials.

The proposals of the fit-for-55 package will now be discussed in the European Parliament and the various configurations of the Council (i.e. by the Member States). On each file both institutions will need to reach an agreement before any regulation is put in place. The discussions will take place throughout the next year (2022).

The EXCO proposed to use the last EXCO meeting to see on which proposals ETIPWind can provide meaningful feedback on top of its report '[Getting Fit for 55 and set for 2050: Electrifying Europe with wind energy](#)'. The outreach will then be done in tandem with the WindEurope secretariat throughout 2022.

2.2 Horizon Europe: What is in it and how to make use of it

The secretariat presented an overview of the Horizon Europe programme and how renewables and wind energy in particular feature in the work programmes. The details can be found in the slides (accessible [here](#)).

2.3 Proposal for collaboration on sustainability and educational aspects

Cathy Suo and Nikos Cutululis gave a short presentation on a proposal that DTU is developing for an upcoming Horizon Europe call [HORIZON-CL5-2021-D3-02-02](#).

The proposal will look to create an online platform for continued learning (or lifelong learning). The consortium will create courses that will be available across the EU, but will target Europe's areas most affected by the energy transition (e.g. Poland, Romania). In addition, users will also be able to upload their own courses and learning modules to the platform.

At this stage the proposal's consortium is looking for industry representatives to join the Advisory Board (AB). In a first step AB members will help the consortium map the sector's specific skills and training needs. In a second step they can support the creation of the training modules.

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3 ETS Innovation Fund – results and next steps

The secretariat gave a short overview of the ETS Innovation Fund programme. The details can be found in the slides (accessible [here](#)).

4 Upcoming ETIPWind activities

The secretariat updated the EXCO on the upcoming activities

- 28 September workshop 'Making Europe's power grid fit for climate neutrality'. Agenda and registration are available [online](#).
- Factsheet on electrical infrastructure and technology for a climate neutral Europe in 2050. A first version will be shared with the EXCO for feedback at the end of September. The aim is to submit the final version before the end of October.
- ETIPWind III proposal. The WindEurope secretariat continues to work on the proposal to renew the activities of ETIPWind for another period. If successful the project would start in the second half of 2022.
- [Electric City event](#) in Copenhagen. The joint report '[Getting Fit for 55 and set for 2050: Electrifying Europe with wind energy](#)' will be the red line of WindEurope's conference in Copenhagen. The event will be physical on 23-25 November.

ACTION: the secretariat will set up short meetings to collect the EXCO's feedback on the development of the factsheet. Participation will be voluntary.

5 AOB

No other topics were raised during the meeting.

6 List of participants

Organisation	First name	Last name
Acciona	Mikel	Sojo
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ENERCON	Andree	Altmikus
Equinor	Hanne	Wigum
Hitachi ABB Power Grids	Adrian	Timbus
InnoEnergy	Javier	Sanz
LM Wind Power	Martijn	Koelers
Ørsted	Jørn	Scharling Holm
Renewable Energy Systems Ltd	Mike	Anderson
RWE Renewables International GmbH	Victoria	Dahmen
Siemens Gamesa	Aidan	Cronin
UL	Thomas	Neumann
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