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Editorial

Dear Reader,

Here some interesting news in the EU energy landscape:

- The European Commission announced in July that [three more projects had obtained the status](#) required to be part of the new List of Renewable Energy Cross-border Projects (CB RES List) under the Connecting Europe Facility for Energy (CEF Energy). The [new CB RES List](#) was published in the EU official journal on 1 October and entered into force on 22 October 2024.
- EU gas and electricity markets returned to a much more stable and predictable situation in the second quarter of 2024 relative to the same period in 2023, according to the new Quarterly Reports.
 - The latest [Electricity Market Report](#) showcases **positive developments in electricity markets**, with falling prices and an increasing share of renewables in the electricity mix. A significant milestone was reached as renewables, primarily solar and wind energy, accounted for over half of the electricity generation, hitting a record 52%.
 - The latest [Gas Market Report](#) highlights that EU gas markets have stabilised, having adjusted to the structural changes prompted by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the related gas supply disruptions, as well as the measures intro-

duced to tackle the crisis.

- The [5th PCI Energy Days](#) will take place on 4 and 5 November in Brussels, with the possibility to attend the event online. It will be dedicated to the practical implementation of PCIs and PMIs. Representatives of EU country administrations, regulators, grid operators and project promoters are invited to meet with the industry, civil society and the wider financing community to share their experience and expertise with each other on the topic of EU cross-border energy infrastructure.

On the ID-E side, our members are still working together to discuss and define the **characteristics new pilot schemes** identified in previous WG meetings should have. This will provide insights and recommendations to the European Commission on possible new energy financial support schemes to increase the effectiveness and impact of EU support based on the members' experience and views.

This month, we concluded Round 14 with the following pilots discussed:

- **WG1:** Scheme for hydrogen financing
- **WG2:** Good practices in the financing of state-owned TSOs and DSOs
- **WG3:** Review of recommendations on previous pilot schemes and discussion on best practices on the design and deployment of CfDs and other long-term remuneration mechanisms/schemes for storage
- **WG4:** Guarantee/de risking scheme for geothermal
- **WG5:** Super-ESCO model, scheme and recommendations

Now, Round 15 will begin at the end of November, covering topics that include both continuations from the previous round and new topics.

- **WG1:** Scheme for hydrogen financing (*follow-up of Round 14*)
- **WG2:** Infrastructure and aggregation fund (*new*)
- **WG3:** Funding of energy storage projects under the Modernisation Fund (*new*)
- **WG4:** Guarantee/de risking scheme for geothermal (*follow-up of Round 14*)
- **WG5:** Super-ESCO/Aggregation platform model (*follow-up of Round 14*)

Your truly,

The Editor

Highlights

WG reports

Exciting news! Round 6 to 11 of WG Reports have been uploaded on the [ID-E website](#).

Topics covered include:

- Green bonds
- Blended finance and loans
- Pilot scheme 1
 - *Energy production*: Guarantee for PPAs
 - *Transmission and Distribution*: Blended finance scheme with technical assistance
 - *Energy Storage*: Long-duration energy storage equity fund
 - *Heating and Cooling*: Financial instrument component of the Heat Pump Accelerator
 - *Services and Prosumers*: De-risking pilot scheme
- EU programmes
 - InvestEU
 - CEF Energy
 - LIFE
- Pilot scheme 2
 - *Energy production*: Technology-neutral guarantee
 - *Transmission and Distribution*: Contribution to the EU Grid Action Plan
 - *Energy Storage*: Guarantee with technical assistance component
 - *Heating and Cooling*: Blended finance
 - *Services and Prosumers*: Quasi-equity scheme

What's new?

What's next?

Round 15 of WG meetings will focus on the design and definition of pilot scheme for each of the segment of the energy value chain. The WG's insights and resulting recommendations will inform the European Commission's work on possible new energy financial support schemes or the upgrade of existing ones.

Meeting	Topic	Date	Time	Location
WG1: Energy Production	Scheme for hydrogen financing (<i>follow-up of Round 14</i>)	Tue 3 December	09:30-11:30	Online
WG2: Transmission and Distribution	Infrastructure and aggregation fund	Wed 27 November	09:30-11:30	Online
WG3: Energy Storage	Funding of energy storage projects under the Modernisation fund	Thu 28 November	09:30-11:30	Online
WG4: Heating and Cooling	Guarantee/de risking scheme for geothermal (<i>follow-up of Round 14</i>)	Wed 4 December	09:30-11:30	Online
WG5: Services and Prosumers	Super-ESCO/Aggregation platform model (<i>follow-up of Round 14</i>)	Thu 5 December	09:30-11:30	Online

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