The EU Energy Agenda

Energy is a central policy area at EU level:

➔ Pivotal in the European Green Deal & climate neutrality objective
➔ Need to be independent from Russian fossil fuels

A large number of initiatives have been proposed at EU level:

• Fit for 55 package (e.g. Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation, ETS Aviation, FuelEU Maritime etc.)
• REPowerEU ➔ Member States to submit REPowerEU chapters by 31st of April
• Green Deal Industrial Plan (Net-Zero Industry Act, Electricity Market Design...)
• National Energy Climate Plans (NECPs) ➔ Member States to submit them by 31st of June
The European Parliament, Council & Commission have reached a provisional agreement on the AFIR. The AFIR aims at promoting the uptake of sustainable alternative fuels infrastructure. A major point of the Regulation is that it sets mandatory targets for recharging stations along the Trans European Transport Network (TEN-T):

- 🚗 Every 60 km for cars & vans
- 🚗 Every 60 km along the TEN-T core network & 100 km along the comprehensive network for heavy-duty vehicles

The AFIR also sets that refuelling infrastructure for hydrogen should be available:

- 🚭 In all urban nodes of the TEN-T
- 🚭 Every 200 km along the TEN-T core network

The Regulation mandates to install Onshore Power Supply (OPS) in ports. Alignment with requirements from the agreement on the FuelEU Maritime Initiative that establishes that ships will have to use installed OPS in ports as of 1 January 2030.
On April 18 the European Parliament voted the final text of the ETS Aviation

The ETS Aviation aims at ensuring that air transport fully contributes to the European Green Deal by phasing out free-allowances by the end of 2026

Some positive highlights of the final text:

• Exemptions for outermost regions from the ETS system until 2030
• Creation of a mechanism to cover price differences between sustainable aviation fuels and kerosene
• The mechanism envisages specific measures for small airports, airports located in islands (up to 10,000 km²) and in outermost regions
• The Commission will have to submit a report evaluating the impact on connectivity of islands and remote regions and on the social impacts.
Next steps at the CPMR

Kick-off meeting of the CPMR Energy Working Group (31st of May)

➔ Fit for 55 package
➔ Discussion between the CPMR Members on the energy priorities

In the incoming months the General Secretariat will analyse:

• The Fit for 55 package
• REPowerEU Chapters
• Draft updated NECPs