**RES Policy Group – minutes October 2018**

* **State aid guidelines:** EREF met with DG COMP, which is not able(or willing) to give timeline on consultation and info on nature of review.
  + Uncertainty regarding possible extension of guidelines (demanded by Commissioners before summer);
  + Clean energy package legislations should be considered as “secondary” after the Treaty (questions of the articles considered, and of the link between RED articles and TFEU);
  + **Action**: EREF to circulate key points, other associations can gather best/worst practices as proof points and arguments ahead of the consultation
* **Long term strategy**: Consultation deadline 9/10 and leaked LTS circulated on 8/10 by Euractiv
  + DG ENER looking for figures on potential deployment, costs…
  + Strong focus on gas in the leaked strategy
  + **Action:** Bioenergy Europe circulated a proposed joint letter to put RES at the center of the decarbonization strategy.
* **Market Design:** last trialogue on 11/09, upcoming trialogue on 18/10
  + Technical issues are slowly being evacuated, but little progress on political issues. They should come on the table in November.
  + Presidency is considering the possibility of additional trialogue in December, possibly all the way to next presidency.
  + Uncertain situation regarding rapporteurs in EP.
  + Small is beautiful breakfast event in EP on 16/10. Priority dispatch should be on the agenda of next trialogue.
* **Horizon Europe/RD&I:** 
  + Upcoming events: see attached mails circulated by EUREC
  + OEE and EUREC meeting with MEPs, working around earmarking for climate actions.
  + Diffuse support in S&D, with rapporteur not very supportive (Dan Nica)
  + Timeline uncertain: original vote planned for late November in ITRE, but may be delayed, all the way to next Parliament. Council not willing to produce a general approach
  + **Action**: if vote confirmed RES voting list on relevant articles to be prepared.
* **AOB** 
  + Clean energy industrial forum: task force meeting in the week 22-26/10. Ruud asking for availabilities over the week.
  + Industry days RES event: proposal received, waiting for feedback
* **Next meeting: 5/11 Chaired by OEE.** 
  + EREF lets know a meeting room is available for that date.