

Task Force - Solar District Heating

28th November 2019

14.00-16.00

Physical meeting

Participants: Christian Stadler (CS), Stephan Fintelmann (ST), Thomas Götz (TG), Charlotte Bauns (CB), Andreas Haller (AH), Janusz Starosćik (JS).

Secretariat: Pedro Dias (PD), Leopoldo Micò (LM).

Abbreviations: **EU** – European Union; **MS** – Member States; **SDH** – Solar District Heating; **EE** – Energy efficiency; **ST** – Solar thermal, **EIB** – European Investment Bank; **TF** – Task force; **RES** – Renewable Energy Sources; **RHC** – Renewable Heating & Cooling; **DH&C** – District Heating & Cooling.

AGENDA

Item	Time	Agenda	Description
1	13.00	Introduction to meeting & competition rules	- Disclaimers, agenda for the meeting and introduction of participants
2	13.10	Overview from previous meeting	- Follow up on previous discussions and initiatives related to large scale systems
3	13.50	Communication: update and next steps	- Update on communication plan and next steps
4	14.15	Policy proposals	- Review final version of proposal promoting SDH in grids - Exploring the heat dimension in Renewable Energy Communities
5	14.45	Expectations for SHIP taskforce	- Tour de table with participants regarding future expectations for the work of the TF, is the work concluded? Should TF still continue? On what topics?
6	14.55	Any other business	
	16.00	End of the meeting	



Minutes	
Item	Comments & Agreements
1	LM welcomed the participants and pointed out the requirements related to competition rules applicable to the meeting, as distributed with the meeting agenda. Participants acknowledge and agreed.
2	<p>After a brief tour the table to introduce the new participants LM and CS presented the work carried out by the Task Force so far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The work on communication: highlighting the research of a strong message for the sector with a particular focus on District Heating and the work to identify comparisons easy to understand for the general public.- The work on policy: identifying the window of opportunity to interact with policy makers and the EU commission in the application of the Renewable Energy Directive (REDII) and more specifically for article 23 and 24.
3	<p>LM presented the messages developed in the previous meetings and highlighted the need to identify the right one to start promoting DH.</p> <p>The participants did not agree on a single message but, during the discussion, they analysed the proposed options and included new options. TG pointed out that we should further check the list with the help of an external marketing agency and CS also stressed the need for a more aggressive communication to reach our target groups, the participants agreed.</p>
4	<p>PD introduced the final version of the Policy proposal, highlighting the 4 key points for SDH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A minimum threshold of <u>locally generated</u> renewable heat in DH networks- A call for action to MS to <u>increase DH&C networks</u> in Europe- Ensure the obligation for DH&C operators to <u>connect suppliers of RES</u>- Increase financing and <u>investment in DH&C networks</u> <p>PD also pointed out the recent decision of the EIB to phase out any support to fossil fuel projects to further fight climate change.</p> <p>Furthermore, PD highlighted the possibility include a point on air quality in the proposal, to further push the advantages of SDH done with Solar Thermal instead of Biomass or other polluting options.</p> <p>Other than article 23 and 24 we should also focus on article 22 because it regulates Renewable Energy Communities. REC are part of Citizens Energy Communities, and are composed by local municipalities, cities, citizens, NGO and national stakeholders. Those</p>



	<p>communities need to address decarbonisation, energy efficiency and other important topics in energy transition.</p> <p>The framework was created by the European Commission to increase the citizens participation in energy transition and to simplify their access to support schemes.</p> <p>PD highlighted that on article 22 we should channel our efforts as an enabling organisation. At Brussels level we have 2 potential targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Covenant of mayor: A group of municipalities committed to decarbonise their cities. They are working on plans to involve the citizens and cities into the REC. The TF can support them with inputs on how to implement REC and how also to decarbonise heat.- Comprehensive assessment on heating demand: Member states will have to create and implement national schemes for REC and CEC. The TF can interact with specific MS to give them input for a better and cleaner solutions.
5	<p>The participants agreed to continue the TF with another meeting. SHE will work on the communication inputs and will present the result first to the TF for approval and then to the Advisory Council. SHE will also continue the work on policy and will give update the participants on CEC and REC. This work will be done by February 2020.</p>
6	<p>Next meeting will be a web meeting and will be scheduled after the winter break for February 2020.</p>

Annex: [PPT Presentation](#)