



Competitive bidding in the Innovation Fund

Stakeholder consultation

Brussels, 21 November 2022
Sicco Mansholt Room, Charlemagne (170, Rue de la Loi) and online
9:00 - 17:30 CEST

AGENDA

General aspects

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| 9.00 – 9.15 | Welcome by DG CLIMA |
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| 9.15 – 9.30 | Why Competitive Bidding? Rationale under REPowerEU and fit with the existing public funding landscape |
| | Presentation by DG CLIMA |
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| 9.30 – 10.15 | Competitive bidding mechanisms under the IF: design possibilities and options currently considered |
| | Presentation by the Project Team
Q&A |
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| 10.15 – 10.30 | Coffee break |
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Focus on Contract for Difference for supply-side

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| 10.30 – 10.50 | Potential design of a hydrogen supply-side auction for a Contract-for-Difference (CfD) |
| | Presentation by the Project Team |
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| 10.50 – 10.00 | Q&A |
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11.00 – 13.15

Discussion on key design elements

- Key pre-qualifications criteria on product and bidders, how to set the system boundaries
 - Choice of technology basket: overview and competitiveness of electrolysis technologies
 - Choice of reference price and indexation, are there complementary price-hedging tools?
 - Application of a ceiling price
 - Role of offtake agreements
 - Ensuring level playing field and the necessary level of competition
 - Other relevant issues
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13.15 – 14.30

Lunch break

Focus on CCfD for demand-side

14.30 – 15.15

Potential implementation of a demand-side hydrogen auction for a Carbon Contract-for-Difference (CCfD)

Presentation by the Project Team
Q&A

15.15 – 15.30

Coffee break

15.30 – 17.30

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