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EUROPEAN COAL IN TRANSITION: RISING LIKE A PHOENIX

8th May 2024, in Pozo Sotón

El Sotón, 2, 33940 San Martín del Rey Aurelio, Asturias Oviedo, Spain (and online)

Draft Agenda

09.00 *Registration*

Keynote speeches (with ES⇔EN interpretation)

Moderator: Paul WEBB, Head of Department, European Research Executive Agency - REA

09.30 Enrique FERNÁNDEZ, President of Hunosa

09.40 Nieves ROQUEÑÍ GUTIÉRREZ, Councillor for Ecological Transition, Industry and Economic Development, Principality of Asturias

09.50 Roberto Marcos GARCÍA RODRÍGUEZ, Mayor of Langreo Municipality

10.00 Marc LEMAÎTRE, Director General for Research and Innovation, European Commission on 'EU Research and Just Transition'

10.15 Vladimír BUDINSKÝ, Senior Vice President, EURACOAL on 'The coal industry across Europe and the outlook for coal'

11.00-11.30 *Coffee break*

Session 1 – The role of hydrogen in the energy transition

Moderator: Juan José FERNÁNDEZ DÍAZ, Dean-President, Official Mining Professional Association of Northwest Spain

11.30 *Hydrogen production in the context of a just energy transition and regional economic diversification strategies*, José Manuel PERÉZ RODRÍGUEZ, Head of H2 Regulation & Government Affairs, EDP Renewables.

11.45 *MINE-TO-H2 – hydrogen production from mine water – how big-ticket projects can support the development of green business models in the coal regions*, Alicja KRZEMIEN, Head of Laboratory for Risk Assessment and Industrial Safety, GIG National Research Institute, and Chair of EURACOAL Technical Research Committee & Yago SOMOANO RODRÍGUEZ, Head of Innovation Department, Hunosa

12.00 Panel discussion: What has been achieved so far? What is the ambition for Europe?

Moderator: Sebastiano FUMERO, Head of Unit, European Research Executive Agency

With Jurgen TIEDJE (Head of Unit E3 – Industrial Transformation, Prosperity Directorate, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission), Juan VILLAR (Managing Director, Gas Distribution, NORTEGAS), Luis BAUSELA SANCHEZ (H2 Unit & New Business Development Director, Duro Felguera), María LORENZO CONTO (Director of Energy and Business Development, Hunosa), Miguel ÁNGEL ALONSO (Director of Engineering and European Fund Office, ALSA)

Q&A

13.00-14.15 Lunch

Session 2 – Viable methane mitigation strategies

Moderator: Alicja KRZEMIENI, Head of Laboratory for Risk Assessment and Industrial Safety, GIG National Research Institute, and Chair of EURACOAL Technical Research Committee

14.15 *Methane regulation and control: How the Global Methane Pledge can be achieved?*, Andris PIEBALGS, Chair, UNEP International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO)

14.30 *REM: A “big-ticket” RFCS project on the reduction of methane emissions from post-mining goafs*, Artur BADYLAK, Director – Demethanisation and Energy Management Office, JSW – Jastrzębska Spółka Węglowa S.A. & Aleksander WRANA – GIG National Research Institute

14.45 Panel discussion on methane regulation and control

Moderator: David BONSON-HESENER, Senior Policy Manager, EURACOAL

With Chiara GIAMBERARDINI, Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Energy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Artur BADYLAK, Director, JSW, Vlad PĂSCULESCU, INSEMEX, Pedro RIESGO FERNÁNDEZ, University of Oviedo

Q&A

Future opportunities, conclusions and closing remarks

15.30 Sebastiano FUMERO, Head of Unit REA B1, Future Low Emission Industries, European Research Executive Agency on *The RFCS annual calls and Big-Ticket opportunities 2024-2025*

15.45 Vladimír BUDINSKÝ, Senior Vice President, EURACOAL

16.00 Networking drink

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