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1. Adopt a **gradual and flexible regulatory approach** to developments related to hydrogen

 - ▶ Establish **core regulatory principles** and allow **flexibility to reflect speed, level and type of development** of hydrogen sector, underpinned by pre-determined conditions which would trigger regulatory intervention
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2. Continue to **improve the performance of the gas market**

 - ▶ Keep working to ensure a **well-integrated, liquid and interoperable EU internal gas market** and include regulatory tools to address any instance where cross-border tariffs become a barrier to trade and **ensure a technology-neutral, level playing field between different conversion and storage facilities** across the energy sector, allowing **renewable gases** to access infrastructure and markets
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3. **Guarantee consumer rights** regardless of the energy carrier

 - ▶ Safeguard consumer protection, while allowing future innovation, technology developments & new market trends for gas
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4. Enhance **NRAs/ACER oversight** of integrated infrastructure planning

 - ▶ **Strengthen the power of approval and oversight** of NRAs and ACER over the activities of regulated operators and ENTSOs, namely by **adopting an integrated view of the energy system and infrastructure planning** that can guarantee a neutral approach to the process
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5. Apply a **no-regrets policy for investment** decisions

 - ▶ Respect **principles of cost efficiency and effectiveness** when building new regulated infrastructure for renewable gases
 - ▶ Ensure investment decisions follow a prudent and no-regrets approach, giving **priority to infrastructure that will provide the most cost-efficient benefits for consumers**
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6. Respect the **beneficiary-pays principle for infrastructure** investments

 - ▶ Uphold **principle of cost-reflectivity** for development of new renewable gases infrastructure, **avoiding cross-subsidisation**.

