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Fostering

Security of Supply



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

- THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2023

pre-recorded video address

((·)) online speaker

powerpoint slides

08:30 - 10:00 **Doors opening**

Registrations & Welcome coffee

10:00 - 10:30 30 min | Opening Remarks | Fostering security of supply for a decarbonised world





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Kadri Simson

EU Commissioner for Energy





Chairman of the Board **Conexus Baltic Grid**



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Short term

10:30 - 11:15 45 min | Panel | The Great Gas Debate: Perspectives on the Global Gas Market

How will global natural gas dynamics play out in 2023/2024/2025? Could we see a rebound in industrial gas consumption at the current price levels? Will we see continued extreme volatility?

Moderator



Anne-Sophie Corbeau
Global Research Scholar
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Arno Büx
Chief Commercial Officer, Fluxys
President, GLE - Board Member, GIE





Teodora Georgieva Executive Officer ICGB





Kiril Temelkov
Deputy Chairman
Bulgarian Gas Association





Tomas Marzec-Manser Head of Gas Analytics ICIS



11:15 - 11:25

10 min | Interview | Towards EU's 2030 energy & climate targets: a bumpy ride or a walk in the park?

What are the challenges in achieving 2030 energy and climate targets? Are EU regulations fit for purpose in an ever-changing global energy market?



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Interview with ChatGPT

11:25 - 11:50 25 min | Coffee Break

11:50 - 12:30 40 min | Panel | EU's industries have their say. What's in store for them?

Is the EU accelerating the deployment of renewables fast enough? How are high prices impacting the industry? What are the solutions and alternatives to decarbonising the industry while ensuring the security of supply?





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James Watson Secretary General **Eurogas**



12:30 - 12:40 10 min | GIEtalk | Strengthening security of supply & solidarity with market transparency





Ákos Kriston CEO, **Hungarian Gas Storage** Board Member, **GIE** & Transparency WG Co-Chair, **GIE**



12:40 - 13:40 1 hour | Lunch Break

13:40 - 14:25 45 min | Panel | Zooming in on the Baltics: united for a well-integrated and interconnected EU gas market

How are the Baltics affected by security of supply issues? How fast are the Baltics decarbonising the energy system while ensuring the affordability of energy sources?

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Līga Kurevska State Secretary of Ministry of Climate and Energy **Latvia**





Petri Peltonen
Under-Secretary of State
Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment
Finland





Virgilijus Poderys
Director of Lithuanian Energy Agency
Lithuania



Methane emissions: What do we expect from this regulation?

14:25 - 15:10 45 min | Panel | Climax methane emissions

What do we expect from this regulation? How will it impact the gas sector? What are the most successful solutions that reduce methane emissions?

Moderator



Claudia Patricolo **Editor in Chief CEEnergy News**





Joana Simão Costa **Energy and Climate Lawyer European Commission | DG ENER**





Maria Olczak **Queen Mary University of London**





Francisco P. de la Flor System Operations & Development Sponsor, GIE





Karolina Čegir Senior Gas Expert **Energy Community**

Director, **Enagás**



15:10 - 15:20 10 min | GIEtalk | Satellite to detect Methane emissions globally





Alba Lorente Scientist **Environmental Defense Fund**



15 min | Coffee Break 15:20 - 15:35

Midterm

The show must go on. Full steam ahead towards renewable and low-carbon molecules.

15:35 - 16:15 40 min | Interview | Hydrogen: are regulations a booster or a showstopper?

How does it serve RepowerEU? Are we producing hydrogen fast enough and in enough volumes? Is hydrogen ready to take on the job of decarbonising the EU?

Keynote . Speech



Jens Geier MEP (S&D - Germany) **European Parliament**



Moderator



Pieter van Aartsen



Board Member, GIE Company Secretary & Head of Government Affairs, Gasunie



Maria Spyraki MEP, Member ITRE Committee **European Parliament**











Dennis Hesseling Head of Department Infrastructure, Gas & Retail



16:15 - 16:25 10 min | GIEtalk | Security of supply and decarbonisation go hand in hand. Here is how.

How can infrastructure operators integrate more renewable and low-carbon gases in the most cost-efficient way while still maintaining the security of supply?



Christoph Riechmann Director Frontier Economics





Catherine Galano
Associate Director
Frontier Economics



16:25 - 17:10 45 min | Panel | Happy three friends? Gas, hydrogen, electricity and the makeup of the Electricity Market Design

What will be the value of underground gas storage?
Will gas pipelines get a second life in Europe's hydrogen economy?
How to balance the gas infrastructure and electricity grid development?



Nicolás González Casares MEP (S&D) European Parliament







Torben BraboPresident **GIE**





Ilaria Conti Head of Gas Area Florence School of Regulation (FSR)





Pierre Tardieu Chief Policy Officer WindEurope





Cillian O'Donoghue Policy Director Eurelectric





Piotr Kuś General Director ENTSOG



17:10 - 17:20 10 min | GlEtalk | Will hydrogen make the world go round?

How will the global trade of hydrogen look? Who will be the first movers? How to bring everyone on board to produce and export hydrogen?





Timo Bollerhey CEO **H2Global**

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Evening

| Gala Dinner Event |



Fostering security of supply for a



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 2 - FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023

09:30 - 10:00 **Doors opening**

Registrations & Welcome coffee

How will the EU reach 35bcm of biomethane by 2030?

10:00 - 10:40 40 min | Panel | On a mission: Decarbonising economy with biomethane

What potential for biomethane in the EU clean energy mix? What are the current obstacles to biomethane development? What are the benefits of biomethane?

Moderator



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Harmen Dekker
CEO, European Biogas Association (EBA)
& Biomethane Industrial Partnership (BIP)







Padriag Fleming
Biomethane Programme Manager, Gas Networks Ireland
Biomethane Working Group Chair, GIE





Paweł Stańczak
Deputy CEO for the Development and Transformation
Gas TSO of Ukraine (GTSOU)



10:40 - 10:55 15 min | GlEtalk | Project presenter: Biomethane project presentation





Niels Træholt Franck Senior Engineer Energinet

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10:55 - 11:15 20 min | Coffee Break

Long-term

45 min | Panel | Diversity, inclusivity & equity:

The cornerstones for the success of energy transition & a clean world

Is the energy transition accelerating the opportunities for greater workforce diversity? If so, how?

What initiatives should energy companies develop to create a diverse and inclusive workplace?

Moderator



Boyana Achovski **GIE Secretary General**





Olga Bogdanova Chair of Latvian Committee **World Energy Council**





Karina Viskuba Member of Latvian Committee **World Energy Council National Future Energy Leaders**







Edgars Smiltāns Project Manager **Conexus Baltic Grid**





Anatolijs Borodinecs

Head of Department of Heat Engineering and Technology Institute of Heat, Gas & Water technology Riga Technical University (RTU)







Andra Ješinska

Developer and coordinator of the education system





12:00 - 12:45 45 min | Panel | The must-awaited integrated energy ecosystem in 2050

Looking back, what did the energy sector do to become integrated by 2050? What were the obstacles along the way? And the opportunities?

Moderator



Jean-Marc Leroy President, France Gaz Association Honorary President, GIE







Paula Pinho **DG ENER European Commission**





Camille Bonenfant-Jeanneney



CEO, Storengy President, GSE





Anise Ganbold

Head of Research, Global Energy Markets & Hydrogen **Aurora Energy Research**



12:45 - 13:00 15 min | Series of speeches | Towards 2024 & beyond

Closing Remarks



Torben Brabo President



| End of the conference |



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