



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2026

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09:00 - 10:00 **Doors opening**
Registrations & Welcome coffee

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10:00 - 10:40 40 min | **Opening Remarks** |



Welcome

Clare Richardson

Master of Ceremony / International Journalist

| Conference Opening | Infrastructure for a Net-zero Europe



Arno Bux

President, **GIE**

CEO, **FluxSwiss** | SVP Corporate Commercial, **Fluxys Group**



Matija Bitenc

General Manager, **Plinovodi**



| Keynote Speeches | Europe's strategic path for secure, resilient and clean energy



Céline Gauer

Director-General, DG ENER

European Commission



Tomaž Žagar

State Secretary for Energy

Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Slovenia



REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY



10:40 - 11:20 40 min | **Panel** | **Delivering the New Gas & Hydrogen Market Design: state of play**

Moderator



Clare Richardson
International Journalist



Tomaž Žagar
State Secretary for Energy
Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Slovenia



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Csilla Bartók
Head of Department - Gas, Hydrogen & Retail
Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)



Matija Bitenc
General Manager, **Plinovodi**



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President, **GIE**
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11:20 - 11:45 25 min | **Coffee Break**

11:45 - 12:30 45 min | **Panel** | **Designing Europe's Integrated Energy System:
A Coherent Pathway for Electricity, Gas & Hydrogen Networks**

Moderator



Lucie Boost
Secretary General
GIE



Christoph von dem Bussche
President
ENNOH



Daria Nochevnik
Head for Policy and Advocacy
Hydrogen Council

Hydrogen Council



Milan Sedláček
Head of EU Affairs & Strategy, **Eustream**
President, **Gas Transmission Europe (GTE)**



Cyril Harry
Vice-Chair Power & Gas Interactions WG
EURELECTRIC

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Alfredo Parres
Vice-Chair Management Committee
WindEurope



12:30 - 12:45 15 min | **GIEtalk** | **Global Reality Check: Global Gas & Hydrogen Market Dynamics**



Anne-Sophie Corbeau
Global Research Scholar
Centre on Global Energy Policy,
Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs



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and Public Affairs



Dennis Hesseling
Head of Gas and Coal Markets Division
International Energy Agency (IEA)



12:45 - 13:45 60 min | **Lunch Break**

13:45 - 14:30 45 min | **Panel | LNG Markets: Global Dynamics, Refilling and Europe's Resilience**

Moderator



Raphael Hanoteaux
Deputy Secretary General
Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)



Luis Ignacio Parada
EU Energy Policy & Regulation Director, **Enagás**
President, **Gas LNG Europe (GLE)**



Anne-Sophie Corbeau
Global Research Scholar
Centre on Global Energy Policy,
Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs



Victor Bernabeu
Policy Director
Eurogas



Sławomir Hinc
CEO, **GAZ-SYSTEM**
Board Member, **GIE**



14:30 - 15:15 45 min | **Panel | Security of Supply Reinforcing Europe's Preparedness in a Changing Market Environment**

Moderator



Anna Slavkovská
Manager of EU Affairs & Regulatory Strategy, **Gas Storage CZ**
Board Member & Methane Area Sponsor, **GIE**

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Maciej Ciszewski
Head of Unit for Diversification Strategy and Joint Purchasing
DG ENER, European Commission



Pierre Duvieusart
President, **ENTSOG**
Deputy CEO, **NaTran**
Board Member & Biomethane Area sponsor, **GIE**



Charlotte Roule
CEO, **Storengy**
President, **Gas Storage Europe (GSE)**



François-Régis Mouton de Lostalot
Managing Director
IOGP Europe



Isabelle Chaput
Secretary General
IFIEC Europe



15:15 - 15:30 15 min | **GIEtalk | Transparency First: REMIT-ready Markets for Gas & Hydrogen**



Georg Dorfleutner
Managing Director, **RAG Energy Storage**
Board Member, **GIE**



Madeleine Hammerman
Policy Officer - Market Data Policy
ACER



15:30 - 15:45 15 min | **GIEtalk | Transparency First: Expanding Transparency Availability**



Georg Dorfleutner
Managing Director, **RAG Energy Storage**
Board Member, **GIE**



15:45 - 16:15 30 min | **Coffee Break**

16:15 - 17:00 45 min | **Panel** | **Connecting Central Europe Through the New Regional Corridor**

Moderator



Klaus-Dieter Borchardt

European Coordinator for the Central and South-East European
Energy Connectivity High-Level Group (CESEC)
European Commission



Szabolcs Ferencz

Chairman-CEO
FGSZ



Marko Senčar

Deputy Director
Energy Agency of Slovenia



Agencija za energijo



Matjaž Sušnik

Manager of the Economic Sector
Plinovodi



Nicola Battilana

Executive Director – Infrastructure Planning
SNAM



17:00 - 17:45 45 min | **Panel** | **Building Europe's CO₂ Infrastructure Backbone:
Connecting Emitters, Capturers, and Storage Sites Across Europe**

Moderator



Pieter van Aartsen

Director Storage & Terminals, **Gasunie**
CCUS Area Sponsor & Board Member, **GIE**



Thierry Grauwels

EU Director
Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA)



Carbon Capture &
Storage Association



Rodolphe Nicolle

Secretary General
European Lime Association (EuLA)



Ruben Fuchs

Government Affairs Manager EU
Gasunie



17:45 - 18:00 **Closing of Day One**

Announcement | **Next GIE Conference**



Sławomir Hinc

CEO
GAZ-SYSTEM



19:00 - 01:00 **Evening Event**





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DAY 2 – FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2026

09:00 - 09:45 **Doors opening**
Registrations & Welcome coffee

09:40 **| Opening | Conference Day 2**

09:40 - 09:45 **Presentation of the evening's pictures**



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09:45 - 10:30 45 min | **Panel | Scaling Biomethane Sustainably:
Affordability, Market Integration, and Industrial Demand**

Moderator



Clare Richardson
International Journalist



| Video | Biomethane - Setting the Scene

Paulo do Nascimento Cabral
MEP (EPP | Christian Democrats)
European Parliament



Nicolai Romanowski
Senior Energy Manager
European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)



Pierre Chambon
Managing Director Renewable Gases
ENGIE



Harmen Dekker
CEO
European Biogas Association (EBA)



Manuel Coxe
Secretary General
Marcogaz



10:30 - 10:45 15 min | **GIEtalk | Electricity and gas TSOs common project**



Uroš Salobir
Director of Strategic Innovation Division, **ELES**
Chairman of R&D Committee (RDIC), **ENTSO-E**



Marta Svoljšak Jerman
Head of Sustainable Projects Department
Plinovodi



10:45 - 11:30 45 min | **Panel | The EU Grids Package:
Coordinating Electricity, Gas and Hydrogen**

Moderator



Abel Enríquez
General Director
ENNOH



Gideon Saunders
Senior Advisor Public Affairs, **ONTRAS**
Hydrogen Area Grids Package TF Chair, **GIE**



Piotr Kuś
General Director
ENTSO



Rodrigo Freitas Barbosa
Deputy Head of System Development
ENTSO-E



Tom Howes
Advisor for Green Transition and Market Regulation
European Commission



11:30 - 12:00 30 min | **Coffee Break**

12:00 - 12:45 45 min | **Panel | Securing Europe's Energy Infrastructure:
Integrating Physical and Cyber Protections for Critical Entities**

Moderator



Doug Waters
Managing Director, **Uniper Energy Storage**
Board Member, **GIE**



Jurgita Šilinskaitė-Vensloviene
Chief Corporate Affairs Officer
KN Energies



Dennis Hesselning
Head of Gas and Coal Markets Division
International Energy Agency (IEA)



Lin Strobio Chen
Global Business Line Manager
TÜV SÜD



Helene Bille Albrechtsen
Director
Rasmussen Global



RASMUSSEN GLOBAL

12:45 - 13:00 15 min | **Closing Remarks | Key Takeaways & the Road Ahead**



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Matija Bitenc
General Manager, **Plinovodi**



13:00 - 14:00 60 min | **Networking Lunch**



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