GIE Annual Conference

2026 22-23 October LJUBLJANA

INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A NET-ZERO EUROPE

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2026

pre-recorded video address

online speaker

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

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 Büx
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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MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY

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

ACER
European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators

Matija Bitenc
General Manager, **Plinovodi**

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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

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Christoph von dem Bussche
President
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Daria Nochevnik
Vice President, Government and Corporate Relations
Electric Hydrogen

ELECTRIC HYDROGEN

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

GTE

Cyril Harry
Vice-Chair Power & Gas Interactions WG
EURELECTRIC

eurelectric

Alfredo Parres
Vice-Chair Management Committee
WindEurope

Wind EUROPE

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

CGEP
COLUMBIA SIPA
School of International and Public Affairs

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

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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**

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

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 CO_2 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)

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
ENTSOG

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-Venslovienė
Chief Corporate Affairs Officer
KN Energies

Dennis Hesseling
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

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

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President, **GIE**
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13:00 - 14:00 | 60 min | **Networking Lunch**

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