

DAY 1 | Thursday, 22 October 2026

(09:00-10:00) *Registration & Welcome coffee (60 min.)*

(10:00-10:30) | **Opening Remarks** |

Infrastructure for a Net-zero Europe

- **Arno Bux** | President, GIE;
| CEO, FluxSwiss;
- **Matija Bitenc** | SVP Corporate Commercial, Fluxys Group
| General Manager, Plinovodi d.o.o.

| **Keynote Speech** |

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

- **Céline Gauer** | Director-General, DG ENER, European
Commission

(10:30-11:10) | **Panel 1** | 40 min.

Delivering the New Gas & Hydrogen Market Design: state of play?

As the EU's new gas and hydrogen framework enters its implementation phase, this panel will assess whether the EU's new gas and hydrogen framework is ready to operate under real-world conditions. The discussion will examine the practical operation of guarantees of origin, hydrogen market rules, and evolving network roles, while addressing whether regulatory requirements are aligned with infrastructure readiness, investment cycles, and operators' day-to-day realities.

(11:10-11:40) *Coffee Break (30 min.)*

(11:40-12:30) | **Panel 2** | 50 min.

Designing Europe's Integrated Energy System: A Coherent Pathway for Electricity, Gas & Hydrogen Networks

Moderator:

- **Lucie Boost** | Secretary General, GIE

Speakers:

- **Christoph von dem Bussche** | President, ENNOH
- **Jorgo Chatzimarkakis** | CEO, Hydrogen Europe
- **Milan Sedláček** | Head of EU Affairs and Strategy, Eustream;
| President, Gas Transmission Europe (GTE)
- **Cyril Harry** | Vice-Chair WG Power & Gas Interactions,
EURELECTRIC
- **- tba -** | WindEurope

As Europe accelerates towards net-zero, aligning the development of electricity, gas, and hydrogen networks is critical. This panel will explore how cross-sector infrastructure planning can unlock cost-efficient decarbonisation while ensuring security of supply. Speakers will examine the role of network operators in coordinating investment, integrating renewable and low-carbon molecules, and developing interoperable roadmaps that support Europe's long-term climate and energy objectives.

(12:30-12:45) | **GIE Talk 1** | 15 min.

Global Reality Check: Global Gas & Hydrogen Market Dynamics

Speakers:

- **Anne-Sophie Corbeau** | Global Research Scholar, Center on Global
Energy Policy (CGEP) at Columbia University
- **Dennis Hesseling** | Head of Gas & Coal Markets Division,
International Energy Agency

This strategic conversation will provide a global perspective on how evolving gas and hydrogen markets trends are reshaping Europe's policy and infrastructure choices. The discussion will examine supply-demand dynamics, investment signals, geopolitical developments, and the evolving role of clean molecules in energy systems worldwide, offering a reality check on Europe's position within a rapidly transforming global energy landscape.

(12:45-13:45) **Lunch Break** (60 min.)

(13:45-14:30) | **Panel 3** | 45 min.

LNG Markets: Global Dynamics, Refilling and Europe's Resilience

Moderator:

- **Raphael Hanoteaux** | Deputy Secretary General, CEER

Speakers:

- **Luis Ignacio Parada** | EU Energy Policy & Regulation Director, Enagás;
| President, Gas LNG Europe (GLE)
- **Anne-Sophie Corbeau** | Global Research Scholar, Columbia University (SIPA)
- **Victor Bernabeu** | Policy Director, Eurogas
- **- tba -** | GAZ-SYSTEM S.A.

Ports and LNG terminals sit at the crossroads of Europe's energy and transport system, connecting supply security and maritime decarbonisation. This panel will on the evolving role of ports and LNG terminals as clean-molecule hubs - including LNG, bio-LNG and ammonia. Speakers will discuss investment needs, operational challenges, and how maritime infrastructure can support affordability, resilience, and Europe's climate goals.

(14:30-15:15) | **Panel 4** | 45 min.

Security of Supply: Reinforcing Europe's Preparedness in a Changing Market Environment

Moderator:

- **Anna Slavkovská** | Manager of EU Affairs & Regulatory Strategy, Gas Storage CZ (GSCZ);
| Board Member & Methane Area Sponsor, GIE

Speakers:

- **Maciej Ciszewski** | Head of Unit for Diversification Strategy and Joint Purchasing, DG ENER, European Commission
- **Pierre Duvieusart** | Deputy CEO, Natran
| President, ENTSOG;
| Board Member & Biomethane Area sponsor, GIE
- **Charlotte Roule** | CEO, Storengy;
| President, Gas Storage Europe (GSE)
- **Francois-Régis Mouton** | Managing Director, IOGP Europe
- **Isabelle Chaput** | Secretary General, IFIEC

Europe's security of supply framework is evolving from emergency response toward structural preparedness. This panel will discuss how the SoS regulation reshapes Europe's approach to preparedness, resilience, and crisis response. Speakers will discuss the continued strategic importance of storage, diversified supply routes, and coordinated market responses, highlighting how policy choices today will determine Europe's resilience to future shocks.

(15:15-15:30) | **GIE Talk 2** | 15 min.

Transparency First: REMIT-ready Markets for Gas & Hydrogen

Speakers:

- **Georg Dorfleutner** | Managing Director, RAG Energy Storage;
| Board Member, GIE
- **Eleonora Nagali** | Team Leader – Market Data Policy, Market
Information and Transparency, ACER

The revised REMIT framework introduces significant new transparency and reporting obligations for gas and emerging hydrogen markets, requiring coordinated efforts from both regulators and infrastructure operators. This discussion will explore how market participants can adapt to these evolving requirements to ensure data quality, consistency, and timely reporting.

15:30-15:45) | **GIE Talk 3** | 15 min.

Transparency First: Expanding Transparency Availability

Speaker:

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

(15:45-16:15) *Coffee Break (30 min.)*

(16:15-17:00) | **Panel 5** | 45 min.

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

Speakers:

- **Ferencz Szabolcs** | Chairman-CEO, FGSZ
- **- tba -** | Energy Agency of Slovenia
- **Matija Bitenc** | General Manager, Plinovodi d.o.o.
- **Nicola Battilana** | Executive Director – Infrastructure Planning, SNAM

This panel will highlight the strategic importance of connecting Slovenia with Italy and Hungary through a new interconnection point, which will strengthen regional connectivity and enable greater diversification of gas supply sources, particularly for Hungary. It will emphasize the importance of these connections for the long-term energy security, resilience, and competitiveness of the region, while also shedding light on Slovenia's role as an important transit and connecting country within the Central European energy landscape, with the potential to become a future corridor for renewable and low-carbon gases.

(17:00-17:45) | **Panel 6** | 45 min.

**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

Speakers:

- **Thierry Grauwels** | Deputy Director, CCSA
- **Rodolphe Nicolle** | Secretary General, The European Lime Association
- - tba - | Member of the European Parliament
- - tba - | EUROFER

With the publication of the CCUS package this year, this panel will explore how access rules, investment frameworks, and cross-border coordination can accelerate deployment. Discussions will focus on enabling industrial decarbonisation, reducing investment risks, and creating the infrastructure backbone necessary for hard-to-abate sectors to reach climate neutrality.

(17:45) *End of Day One*

(19:00) *Evening Event*

DAY 2 | Friday, 23 October 2026

(09:00-09:45) *Registration & Welcome coffee (45 min.)*
Presentation of the evening's pictures

(09:45-10:30) | **Panel 7** | 45 min.
**Scaling Biomethane Sustainably:
Affordability, Market Integration, and Industrial Demand**

Moderator:

- **Lucie Boost** | Secretary General, GIE

Speakers:

- **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

Biomethane is expected to play a growing role in Europe's decarbonisation pathway, but scaling production must remain economically sustainable. This panel will explore certification frameworks, grid integration, long-term demand signals, and affordability considerations within the energy trilemma. Speakers will discuss how biomethane can contribute to emission reductions while supporting security of supply and competitive energy costs.

(10:30-10:45) | **GIE Talk 4** | 15 min.
Electricity and gas TSOs common project

Speakers:

- **Uroš Salobir** | Director of Strategic Innovation Division, ELES
RDIC Chair, ENTSO-E
- **- tba -** | Plinovodi d.o.o.,

Slovenian gas and electricity transmission system operators have recognised hydrogen as a strategic energy carrier, essential for enhancing system resilience, flexibility, and security of supply. Both TSOs are collaborating on the development of a first-of-its-kind national project that will link gas and electricity transmission systems through hydrogen. This initiative will enable the first injection of hydrogen into the existing natural gas network. Additionally, the project will support electricity system operations by leveraging gas infrastructure as a source of flexibility.

(10:45-11:30) | **Panel 8** | 45 min.

The EU Grids Package: Coordinating Electricity, Gas and Hydrogen

Moderator:

- **Abel Enríquez** | General Director, ENNOH

Speakers:

- **Csilla Bartok** | Head of Department – Gas, Hydrogen and Retail, ACER
- **Ralph Bahke** | Managing Director, ONTRAS;
| Board Member & Hydrogen Area Sponsor, GIE
- **Piotr Kuś** | General Director, ENTSG
- **Rodrigo Barbosa** | Deputy Head of System Development, ENTSO-E
- **Tom Howes** | Advisor for Green Transition and Market Regulation, DG ENER, European Commission

The EU Grids Package marks a turning point in how electricity, gas, and hydrogen networks are planned and operated. This panel will examine how coordinated system planning and cross-vector optimisation can enable cost-efficient decarbonisation. Speakers will highlight practical steps for delivering integrated infrastructure that can meet Europe's long-term climate and security-of-supply objectives.

(11:30-12:00) *Coffee break (30 min.)*

(12:00-12:45) | **Panel 9** | 45 min.

Securing Europe's Energy Infrastructure: Integrating Physical and Cyber Protections for Critical Entities

Moderator:

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

Speakers:

- **Jurgita Šilinskaitė-Vensloviene** | Chief Corporate Affairs, KN Energies
- **Dennis Hesseling** | Head of Gas & Coal Markets Division, International Energy Agency
- **Lin Strobio Chen** | Global Business Line Manager, TÜV SÜD
- - tba - | NATO
- - tba - | Rasmussen Global

As energy infrastructure becomes increasingly digitalised and interconnected, risk exposure continues to evolve. This panel will examine emerging physical and cyber threats, risk-assessment practices, and operational resilience strategies. Speakers will discuss incident-response mechanisms, and the increasing role of cross-border coordination in protecting Europe's critical energy assets across the EU.

(12:45-13:00) | **Closing Remarks** | 15 min.

Key Takeaways & the Road Ahead

- **Arno Büx** | President, GIE;
| CEO, FluxSwiss;
| SVP Corporate Commercial, Fluxys Group
- **Matija Bitenc** | General Manager, Plinovodi d.o.o.

(13:00) *End of Conference*

(13:00-14:00) *Networking Lunch*



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