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## **The future of gas in Europe**

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## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATION**

After the adoption of the Clean Energy Package, the European Commission has begun preparatory work on the review of the internal gas market design. In parallel, the 4th PCIs list is under elaboration and will be published towards the end of 2019. However the Paris Agreement calls for a net-zero emissions society by the second half of the century at global level, meaning a net-zero carbon economy before 2050 in Europe. This implies a faster pace of decarbonisation in all sectors. The energy sector in particular should

be leading the decarbonisation effort given the availability of technological solutions so that Europe moves towards a highly efficient, 100% renewable energy system. What could be the role of gas in this 2050 perspective? While natural fossil fuel gas should be phased-out, other gases emerge and are presented as renewable alternatives. Different terms are used to describe them – such as “green gas”, “decarbonised gas” or “renewable gas”. What are these gases? What are their potential, properties, costs and benefits? Are they compatible with a net-zero carbon emission society by 2050?

## **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

*Interpretation will be provided in English , French and Dutch.*

### **INTRODUCTION**

9:30 - 9:40

#### **WELCOME REMARKS**

by **Michèle Rivasi**, member of the European Parliament

9:40 - 10:00

#### **TOWARDS A REVISION OF THE INTERNAL GAS MARKET DESIGN?**

by **Florian Ermacora**, European Commission, DG Energy, Head of Unit B2 Wholesale markets; electricity and gas

### **PANEL I - GAS IN EUROPE**

Moderation by MEP **Florent Marcellesi**

10:00 - 10:10

#### **[NATURAL GAS AND CLIMATE COMMITMENTS. TWO IRRECONCILABLE ELEMENTS ?](#)**

by **Nicolas Berghmans**, IDDRI

10:10 - 10:20

#### **[GAS DEMAND AND GAS INFRASTRUCTURE: A HISTORY OF OVER-ESTIMATION](#)**

by **Frida Kieninger**, Food and Water Watch

10:20 - 10:30

#### **[STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THE GAS PCI-LIST](#)**

by **Boyko Nitzov**, Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators

10:30 - 11:00

**Q & A**

*Coffee break*

## **PANEL II - HYDROGEN, BIOMETHANE, POWER TO X, SYNTHETIC FUELS... WHO ARE THESE NEWCOMERS?**

Moderation by MEP **Michèle Rivasi**

*11:30 - 11:40*

### **RENEWABLE GASES AND SUSTAINABILITY**

by **Joseph Dutton**, E3G

*11:40 - 11:50*

### **GAS INDUSTRY GOES GREEN: MYTH OR REALITY?**

by **James Watson**, Eurogas

*11:50 - 12:00*

### **WHICH TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF RENEWABLE GAS?**

by **Chelsea Baldino**, ICCT

*12:00 - 12:45*

**Q & A**

## **CONCLUSIONS**

by MEP **Tilly Metz**

## **Recommended**

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**Responsible MEPs**



Florent Marcellesi

Member



Tilly Metz

Member





Michèle Rivasi

Member

**Contact person**



Heike Leberle

Energy Policy Advisor

## **Venue**

European Parliament, Room ASP1G3, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels

## **Attached documents**

[Presentation - Nicolas BERGHMANS](#)

[Presentation - Frida KIENINGER](#)

[Presentation - Boyko NITZOV](#)

[Presentation - Joseph DUTTON](#)

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