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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 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**

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Responsible MEPs



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Venue

European Parliament, Room ASP1G3, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels

Attached documents

Presentation - Nicolas BERGHMANS
Presentation - Frida KIENINGER
Presentation - Boyko NITZOV
Presentation - Joseph DUTTON
Presentation - James WATSON
Presentation - Chelsea BALDINO

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