

Press Release

ENTSOG hosts its second annual conference ‘Gas Infrastructure in a Sustainable Economy’ on 12 December 2018

(Brussels, 13 December 2018, PR0175-18) **Yesterday, the European Network of Transmission System Operators (ENTSOG) hosted its second annual conference, titled ‘Gas Infrastructure in a Sustainable Economy’ to a wide group of ENTSOG stakeholders, including the European Commission and a range of electricity and gas representatives.**

Focusing on gas innovation, decarbonisation and the coupling of gas and electricity systems, ENTSOG Members (Transmission System Operators – TSOs) presented four innovative projects. ENTSOG’s newly updated [website](#), which comprises an ‘Innovative Projects Platform’ to showcase TSO inputs to energy transition, was also launched at the event.

Energetic and thought-provoking engagement between the presenters, panelists and the event participants resulted in the following take-home learnings:

- 1 A European Hybrid Energy Infrastructure building on synergies between gas and electricity shall form the basis for decarbonising the European energy sector
- 2 Zero and low carbon forms of gas, as well as regulations and systems to manage their development and integration, are needed to decarbonise the energy system
- 3 European gas TSOs are currently and actively working on sector coupling with electricity and on innovation and decarbonisation with gas

These outcomes from the event support some of the conclusions of the last 31st Madrid Forum and ENTSOG sees these ideas as an important part of the potential gas legislation review in 2020.

Stephan Kamphues, ENTSOG President, said, *“We tasked ourselves today to demonstrate how TSOs innovative projects are central to the discussion on the energy transition. Gas and gas infrastructure is a forward-looking and innovative sector which will play an active role right through to 2050 and beyond.”*

Jan Ingwersen, ENTSOG General Manager, said, *“The Hybrid Energy Infrastructure, building on both electricity and gas systems as cross-border energy carriers will be able to deliver more efficient, resilient, sustainable as well as faster and cheaper decarbonisation of the European energy sector. Today’s event shows the willingness of the European energy players to work closely together to meet EU climate goals”.*

The full agenda and photographs of the event are available in the ‘Downloads’ section of the event page on the ENTSOG website, [here](#).

Panelists were representing the European Commission DG ENER, Eurelectric, Wind Europe, Eurogas, ENTSO-E, Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking, Florence School of Regulation, Gas Infrastructure Europe, and The European Chemical Industry Council.

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Editorial notes

- > ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009. The current number of Members, Associated Partners and Observers can be found [at this link](#).
- > In line with Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG has the task of formulating network codes in a number of areas and of adopting various communications: a non-binding community-wide Ten-Year Network Development Plan on biennial basis; Winter and Summer Supply Outlooks; common network operation tools; recommendations relating to the coordination of technical cooperation between community and third-country-TSOs; annual work programmes and annual reports.