

Klaus Schäfer elected new Eurogas President



Brussels, 5 October 2016: The Governing Board of Eurogas is delighted to announce the appointment of Klaus Schäfer of Uniper as the new President of Eurogas. He succeeds Gertjan Lankhorst of GasTerra who will remain in the association's Executive Committee.

Mr Schäfer is the CEO of newly formed Uniper, a major international energy company operating in the gas upstream and midstream sectors, global commodities, power generation and engineering.

He takes over the Eurogas presidency at a time when the energy industry as a whole is facing significant challenges. He will lead Eurogas into a period in which energy union and the transition to a new energy system will see more concrete steps. These will also bring new opportunities for gas as he explains in his vision for the association:

“As the new and incoming president of Eurogas, I am focused on the role of gas in the energy transition. Decarbonisation is on the agenda and gas is indispensable for achieving the decarbonisation of the European energy system. Why? Because it's the fastest, the most convenient and the most cost-efficient solution in terms of achieving decarbonisation whether that be in power generation, heating or in transport. Gas could have immediate positive impact while at the same time preparing the energy system of Europe for the decentral solutions that are needed in the future whether that's combined heat and power, fuel cells or other innovative technologies.”

Mr Schäfer will be exploring some of these new technologies at his first official engagement for Eurogas later this month at the association's annual conference, which focuses on gas in innovation and how the industry can contribute to a sustainable energy future.

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Note to Editors: Eurogas is an association representing 46 companies and associations engaged in the wholesale, retail and distribution of gas in Europe. Eurogas provides data and information relevant to EU decision makers and opinion formers in making the right policy choices.

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