

Munich, 16 May, 2019:

European Commission see Power to Gas as a key solution to deliver a carbon neutral Europe.

The focus on Power-to-gas is growing with over 300MW of projects under development in Germany today.

At a Power-to-x conference in Munich, Head of Renewables and CCS at the European Commission, Paula Abreu Marques tackled the subject of decarbonising the European gas industry directly. “The role of gas is expected to evolve significantly before mid-century and we recognise the importance and possibilities of technologies like power-to-gas in their role to tackle climate change,” she said.

Many Member States are looking at gas not just for its ability to achieve carbon reduction targets, but also how it can contribute in the future for heating, transport and power generation, whether through hydrogen, biogas or biomethane.

Ms Marques supported this, saying that the EU also values gas decarbonisation technologies “for their ability to support an increase in the uptake of renewable energy, as well as the potential for industrial leadership on clean technologies in the European Union.”

Eurogas Secretary General James Watson added, “these are exciting times in the gas sector and the role that we can play in powering the European economy through strong innovation is starting to be understood. With innovations like power to gas, we can help the European Union reach its ambitious decarbonisation targets in a cost effective and publicly acceptable way.”

During the session *Decarbonising the European gas industry: sector coupling for climate*, the debate involved panellists from Open Grid Europe, ITM Power, Engie, Thüga and European Commission representative Paula Abreu Marques, who discussed how hydrogen can pave the way towards successful sector coupling.