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New Eurogas President announces gas sector support for EU's 2050 climate neutrality ambitions

Eurogas announces support for the EU's 2050 climate neutrality ambitions under new President Philippe Sauquet, President Gas, Renewables and Power at Total.

At the Eurogas Annual General Meeting in Oslo today, Philippe Sauquet was elected President of the gas sector association and the members approved the motion to support the transition to a climate neutral EU. He takes over the association presidency from Klaus Schaefer of Uniper.

Commenting on his nomination, Philippe Sauquet said that he is “pleased and honored to be appointed as President of Eurogas association whose primary focus is to promote gas as an indispensable complement to renewables, intermittent by nature, and an obvious fast track to lowering carbon intensity of the EU energy mix.”

“Eurogas will therefore advocate for the fair share of gas in the energy mix, that is economically sustainable, socially acceptable, offering security of supply, consistency with EU's climate goals,” he added.

“In this regard, Eurogas supports the transition to a climate-neutral EU in line with the Paris Agreement and calls for the European Institutions to develop a policy framework that will encourage investments in the scale up competitive decarbonisation technologies in Europe, fit for that future,” concluded Philippe Sauquet.

James Watson, Eurogas Secretary General welcomed the new President and his announcement, “the decision underlines the support of the gas industry to decarbonising the EU energy mix. This is an objective that all stakeholders should embrace. We need to make sure that the right frameworks are put in place for the necessary investments in the gas sector, including potential targets for renewable and decarbonised gas.”

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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