

The Green Deal: gas is key to secure Europe's leadership in reaching carbon neutrality by 2050

Brussels, 10 December 2019: Gas will play a major role in delivering the European Green Deal, while ensuring Europe's leadership in achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. The Green Deal must recognise the potential of gas and innovative gas technologies to deliver on the decarbonisation of the EU energy mix.

Eurogas Secretary General, James Watson, commented: "The Green Deal is an opportunity for Europe to become a global leader in achieving carbon neutrality, and gas will play a major role in delivering this ambition. Today, the gas industry ensures Europe's leadership in the industrial production of low-carbon technologies: electrolysers, anaerobic digestors, LNG engines for ships and pyrolysis equipment. This all means job creation and wealth in Europe as we progress through the energy transition. The Green Deal must seize the momentum to scale up these innovative technologies and secure Europe's industrial leadership."

He continued: "For the EU to be climate neutral in 2050, it has to set a viable path for 2030. Switching from coal to gas in power generation, replacing inefficient oil heaters with gas, using LNG in marine transport will significantly contribute to meeting the EU's increased emissions reduction target by 2030."

"Gas-based solutions are an integral part of a carbon neutral future. The deployment of renewable and decarbonised gases – biogas, biomethane and hydrogen – is already happening across Europe. Having targets for these gases would further incentivise innovation and investment, making sure Europe takes a lead," he concluded.

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