

### **Gaseous solutions are vital for a future-proof energy market in Central and Eastern Europe**

**Brussels/Bucharest, 3 December 2020. Eurogas Central and Eastern European Conference addressed the functioning of the gas markets and the future of energy in the region. Gas and innovative gaseous solutions are a vital building block of a robust energy system of the future.**

Adina Vălean, Commissioner for Transport, European Commission, said: “As the transport sector focuses on crisis recovery, we have an opportunity to build back better – to make our transport systems more resilient, smarter and cleaner. Sustainable alternative fuels have a role to play here. Next week I will present our new Strategy for Sustainable and Smart Mobility, which will set out how we plan to approach the dual decarbonisation and digitalisation transitions needed to ensure our transport system is fit for the future.”

Eric Stab, President of the Romanian Energy Utilities Federation (ACUE) and CEO of ENGIE Romania, stated: “Gas has a future in a decarbonised Europe. We firmly believe that natural gas, during the transition period, and, progressively, green gas – biogas, biomethane, hydrogen – will play an important role in the energy mix of the European Union in the coming decades. Romania, having significant natural gas resources, a large infrastructure and a very good potential for green hydrogen and biomethane, is well placed to take an active role in the EU long-term decarbonization strategy.”

Philippe Sauquet, Eurogas President, commented: “Ahead of winter, heating homes at an affordable cost and in the most efficient way becomes an especially relevant topic. Gas and innovative gas solutions have tremendous potential in delivering on the EU emission reduction targets in a cost-effective and publicly acceptable manner, which is especially important for the Central and Eastern European region.”

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