



Group of Experts on Gas & Group of Experts on Renewable Energy

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GEG Item 6 and GERE Item 7

Workshop: Decarbonization through synergies between electricity and gas

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At its 28th session, the Committee on Sustainable Energy reaffirmed that decarbonized and renewable gases (e.g. biogas and hydrogen) will continue to serve as an energy vector for the foreseeable future. The Committee requested that the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy and the Group of Experts on Gas collaborate on developing policies that accelerate uptake of renewable by harnessing the gas infrastructure as the backbone of a low-carbon energy system.

Questions to explore:

- How can UNECE accelerate the transition to a hydrogen economy?
- What is the role of renewable/low carbon/decarbonized gases in the transition?
- How can gas infrastructure help increase the share of variable RE in the energy mix?
- The key recommendations to UNECE member States on decarbonization through gas-RE synergies?

Moderators

Mr Francisco de la Flor Garcia, Chair, Group of Experts on Gas (5 min)

Mr Kostiantyn Gura, Chair, Group of Experts on RE (5 min)

Keynote speaker

Ms Yolanda Garcia Mezquita, Deputy Head, Strategy & Policy Coordination Unit, DG Energy (20 min)

Panellists

Mr Abel Enriquez, EU Regulatory Affairs Manager (15 min)

Mr Constantine Levoyannis, Hydrogen Europe (15 min)

Mr Florian Marko, Austria, vice-chair of GEG (15 min)

Mr Bjørn Simonsen, Nel ASA, Norway (15 min)

Q&A, chatroom (20 minutes)

Concluding Remarks

Mr Kostiantyn Gura, Chair, Group of Experts on RE (5 min)

Mr Francisco de la Flor Garcia, Chair, Group of Experts on Gas (5 minutes)