

***Eurogas wishes all its members and contacts
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2011 !!***

► **Eurogas Annual Conference 2010 – "Natural Gas To 2020 And Beyond"**

This conference took place in Brussels on 9 December and was entitled "Natural gas to 2020 and beyond". The keynote speech was delivered by Mr. Jean-François Cirelli, President of Eurogas and Vice Chairman and President of GDF SUEZ. He focused on the important role that natural gas is playing in climate protection.



"The world needs to halve global greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 to avoid the worst effects of climate change. We have to take actions: the challenge is to halve emissions and double energy. What is the solution? Natural gas!", he said.

Jean-François Cirelli during his keynote speech

The conference was divided into two sessions: one on the beneficial impact of natural gas use on CO₂ reduction included contributions by Ms. Frauke Thies, *Greenpeace*, Mr. Jaap Hoogakker, *GasTerra*, Dr. Gareth Davies, *PÖYRY Energy Consulting* and finally Mr. Nicola Rega, *Eurelectric* and was animated by Mr. Simon Blakey, *Eurogas*. This session dealt with the analysis of the link between natural gas and renewables. It underlined

that the capacity to deliver gas quickly for renewable backup is needed to enable intermittent wind and solar power to play their full role in a low carbon future. The panel looked at strategic implications and developments possible in this area.



The session on the European strategy of support of natural gas brought together Mr. Philip Lowe, *European Commission*, Mr. Slawomir Hinc, *Polish Oil and Gas Company*, Mr. Vittorio Musazzi, *ENTSOG* and Mr. Alberto Pototschnig, *ACER*. The panel was moderated by Mr. Claude Turmes, *MEP, Greens/EFA*. The panel looked at possibilities for political support for some new infrastructure but also at regulatory aspects. The role of unconventional gas was also addressed. The programme and available slides are downloadable [here](#).

► **Board and General Assembly Meetings, 9-10 December**

The Board and General Assembly meetings took place on 9 and 10 December in Brussels. Various policy issues were discussed including the need

to reinforce the messages about the impact natural gas plays in reducing CO₂ emissions.

► **Activities of Eurogas President**

Conference on 30 September, Brussels

Mr. Jean-François Cirelli, President of Eurogas and Vice Chairman and President

of GDF SUEZ spoke at the high level conference organized by the European Commission on the future of energy policy

that took place in Brussels on 30 September. He insisted on the following:

- Natural gas has a key role to play that must be fully recognized in any energy strategy to 2020 and beyond.
- In the short term, natural gas is essential both for the increased penetration of renewables and to lower emissions in a CO₂ constrained environment.
- In the long term new technologies and the development of unconventional gas offer significant prospects.
- Any negative messages on gas from energy planners will risk discouraging industry from making the necessary investments as they give wrong signals.

His slides are available [here](#).

Conference on 16 November, Moscow

The 8th International Conference – “Gas of Russia – 2010” took place on 16 November in Moscow. This conference’s focus was on international energy cooperation and future outlook. It developed also subjects on the gas industry of Russia and its development. Mr. Jean-François Cirelli made a presentation on the “*Importance of promoting the image of natural gas*”. The presentation is available [here](#).

Conference on 22 November, Brussels

The President also attended the conference organized by the European Union and the Russian Federation on the 10th anniversary of the EU-Russia Energy Dialogue 2000 – 2010. He participated in a panel on the perspectives for EU-Russia energy market for the next decades. The presentation is available [here](#).

► **Industry Consultation on Proposed Infrastructure Package**

Eurogas has issued a statement on the Commission’s communication “Energy infrastructure priorities for 2020 and beyond – a blueprint for an integrated European Energy network”. Eurogas welcomes the proposal to support and facilitate the developments of the natural gas infrastructure.

- Investments generally require a stable, coherent and predictable political and regulatory framework in the long term.
- Facilitation of permitting and a balanced regulatory approach should be available and applicable

to all infrastructure projects whether or not projects are considered as priority corridors or labeled as “projects of European interest”.

- Referring to the Southern Corridor, Eurogas considers that the infrastructure package should solely address the issue of the related transmission investments and not endeavor to address the parallel issue of supply and sale and purchase agreements.

The position paper is available [here](#).

► **Meeting with EU Employment Commissioner László Andor**



From left to right: Didier Baur (EPSU), Gyula Hagyi, Cabinet member, Jan-Willem Goudriaan (EPSU), László Andor EU Commissioner, Simona Basiu (Eurogas), Peter Gentges (Eurogas/RWE), Jorma Rusanen (EMCEF), Reinhold Reibsch (EMCEF), Tamas Szeleki (EMCEF), Gyula Varga (EMCEF)

The Sector Dialogue Committee for Gas delegates met with Commissioner László Andor on 16 November in Brussels. For the Commissioner the goal of this meeting was to learn about the activities in which

the gas social partners are involved and to exchange views about various EU initiatives related to social affairs and labor market.

► Gas Coordination Group Meetings

Eurogas participated at the meetings of the Gas Coordination Group on 10 November and on 15 December.

The meetings addressed external gas relations and security of gas supply in the EU. On 10 November Eurogas made

a presentation on global LNG markets. Mr. Victor Tunon, Chairman of the LNG task force of Eurogas made a presentation on this subject. (available [here](#)). The rest of the meeting dealt with regulation on security of supply.

► Regulatory Forum of Madrid

The 18th Regulatory Forum of Madrid took place on 27-28 September. This edition dealt with the transposition and implementation of the third package, with capacity allocation, congestion management and balancing. The Eurogas delegation was led by Mr. Ralf

Presse, Chairman of the System Users committee of Eurogas. He made two presentations, one on Eurogas views on capacity allocation (available [here](#)) and one on Eurogas views on balancing rules (available [here](#)).

► Berlin Fossil Fuels Forum

The 6th edition of the European Fossil Fuels Forum took place on 18-19 October 2010 in Berlin. The discussed topics addressed, amongst others, the role of fossil fuels in a de-carbonized

economy, the safety of offshore operations, etc. Mr. Simon Blakey, Eurogas Special Envoy, participated in a panel on the future global role of fossil fuels.

► London Energy Citizen's Forum

The 3rd Citizen's Forum took place on 22 October in London. The topics addressed were complaint handling, billing, smart metering and competitive retail markets. Eurogas was represented by Ms. Margot Loudon, Acting Secretary General, Mr. David Johnson, Eurogas Supply and Markets Development Committee Chairman and

Mr. Joaquin Mendiluce, Eurogas Distribution Committee Chairman. Mr. Johnson made a presentation on examples of competition for the benefit of consumers (available [here](#)). Mr. Mendiluce presented the preliminary results of the smart metering report for gas (available [here](#)).

► CEER Conference in Vienna

CEER, the Council of European Energy Regulators organized a workshop "*Vision for a conceptual model for the European Gas Market*" that took place in Vienna on 3 December. The stakeholders gave their respective

views on the issues. Mr. Ralf Presse, Chairman of the Eurogas System Users Committee, presented the Eurogas views on a conceptual European Gas Market Model. The presentation is available [here](#).

► Main Meetings and Events as of December 2010

- Eurogas Board meeting 31 March, Brussels
- Eurogas Board meeting 9 June, Milan
- General Assembly meeting 10 June, Milan
- Eurogas Board meeting 14 October, Brussels
- Eurogas Board meeting 8 December, Brussels
- Eurogas General Assembly meeting 9 December, Brussels

► **Joint Eurogas-IGU Publication "The Role of Natural Gas in a Sustainable Energy Market" for IGU Side Event at COP 16"**

Eurogas in cooperation with IGU have produced a brochure that has been presented at the IGU side-event at the COP 16 in Cancun on 5 December. This new publication explains the key role of natural gas in reducing CO₂ emissions, both from the European and from the International perspective.

The publication is available electronically on Eurogas's website [here](#) and as hard copy on request.



► **Statistical Report 2010**

Eurogas has finalized its Statistical Report 2010. The statistical data in this report has been collected with the assistance of the national gas associations and member companies of Eurogas.

The publication is available on Eurogas website [here](#) and as hard copy on request.



► **Smart Gas Metering Report**

The Distribution System Operators Committee of Eurogas has developed during the past months a report on Smart Gas Metering. This report has been prepared in cooperation with the Boston Consulting Group. It is based on a European survey on legislation and regulation on smart metering, selected functionalities and technology.

You can download the report from Eurogas's website [here](#).

