



Stakeholder event on methane emissions: best practices in MRV and abatement in the agriculture, energy and waste sectors ([Link](#))

GIE and MARCOGAZ welcome the organization of this stakeholder event and **wish to make a short presentation** during the first part of the session dedicated to best practices on methane measurements, reporting and verification (MRV).

Methane emissions management and reduction is not a new topic for the gas industry, as we have been routinely conducting identification, detection, quantification and mitigation of methane emissions for a long time, as a safety requirement and for economic reasons. Nowadays the motivation of the gas industry is also more focused on environmental aspects.

GIE and MARCOGAZ are willing to collaborate with the EC to propose a coordinated and comprehensive way for the EU to achieve Tier 3 MRV. We recognise the need of having accurate methane data to adopt a solid and long-term abatement strategy. For these reasons, GIE and MARCOGAZ have prioritised the following activities:

- **Assessment of methane emissions for Gas Transmission & Distribution System Operators** (this document can be found on this [link](#)). This document gives coherent technical guidance to gas grid operators across Europe to assess their methane emissions in accordance with a harmonized and transparent method. The principles of this methodology can also be applied to other parts of the gas value chain (i.e. upstream, LNG regasification terminals and underground gas storages). This methodology can contribute to ensure that all methane emissions data reported is based and verified on the same methodology all over Europe, contributing to transparency and comparability of data.

MARCOGAZ is working with the CEN to bring this document into a CEN Technical Report in a near future.

- **Common methane emissions reporting framework.** GIE and MARCOGAZ are currently collaborating with the EC, UNEP and EDF with the aim of having a common methane emissions reporting framework. A reporting template and a technical guideline covering transmission networks, LNG regasification terminals, underground gas storages and distribution networks is currently under development based on the previous experience and knowledge of MARCOGAZ.

We support the proposal of creating an independent institution aimed at improving credibility and transparency of methane emissions data.

- **Guidelines for methane emissions target setting** (this document can be found on this [link](#)). This document helps companies from the entire gas value chain to set methane emission reduction targets as complement to mitigation strategies. We encourage gas companies to set their own methane emission reduction targets as soon as possible. Based on this information, methane emissions reduction targets for the different segments of the European gas value chain could be set for 2025 and 2030.