



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR ENERGY

## **Workshop on a regulatory approach on venting and flaring of methane in the oil and gas sectors**

**17 March 2021  
16:00 – 19:00 CET**

The workshop aims to obtain stakeholder input for the preparation of the upcoming Commission proposal on EU legislation to measure and mitigate methane emissions in the energy sector to be adopted in Q4 2021 by providing a dedicated knowledge-exchange opportunity at working level, on the basis of the already launched [public consultation questionnaire](#). The event will follow the structure of the questionnaire, encouraging detailed, fact-based discussions, surrounding the question of what effective EU-level venting and flaring legislation should contain.

### **Agenda**

#### **16:00 – 17:45**

#### **Introduction and presentations**

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*16:00 – 16:05* Malcolm McDowell – European Commission

*16:05 – 16:15* Colin Kuehnhanss – European Commission

##### ***Stakeholder presentations***

*16:15 – 16:30* Robert Kleinberg – Columbia University

*16:30 – 16:45* Martin Oswald – Worldbank Global Gas Flaring Reduction Partnership

*16:45 – 17:00* TJ Kirk – RMI

*17:00 – 17:15* Halvard Hedland – Norwegian Petroleum Directorate

*17:15 – 17:30* Diarmaid Mulholland, Baker Hughes & Florence Grabowski,  
Equinor - Members of the International Association of Oil & Gas Producers

*17:30 – 17:45* Pascal Alas – Gas Infrastructure Europe/MARCOGAZ

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**Open discussion based on [public consultation questionnaire](#)**

- Scope:
  - Imports
  - Transparency tools
- Definitions
- Verification of reporting
- Venting
- Flaring
- Flare efficiency