

PRESS RELEASE

European Green Deal: Opportunities for renewable gas power generation

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EUTurbines and EUGINE welcome the ambitions expressed in the European Green Deal presented today. The European gas power plant industry, represented by the two associations covering turbine and engine technologies respectively, supports the targets of climate-neutrality and the decarbonisation of the EU's energy system.

“We appreciate to see that the European Green Deal highlights the importance of sector coupling and the decarbonisation of the gas sector as essential elements of a decarbonisation strategy for the energy sector” says Ralf Wezel, Secretary General of EUGINE and EUTurbines. “The power plant industry is ready to provide solutions for generating dispatchable clean power and heat from renewable and decarbonised gases that complement the variable renewables”.

The Green Deal Communication refers to upgrading existing energy infrastructure and assets for making them climate resilient. Retrofitting gas power plants for their operation with renewable gases will be an important element of such approach, making the existing infrastructure future-proof.

The greening of the European economy as outlined in today's communication will require considerable financial efforts. The planned Sustainable Finance Strategy should not only set the necessary framework for the final target but also recognise and support the transitional process to achieve it. The planned Just Transition Mechanism should be an important tool supporting carbon-intensive regions in replacing coal by renewable gas-based energy solutions.

The European power plant industry is looking forward to supporting the new European Commission in its efforts to deliver the European Green Deal.

Note for the editor:

EUGINE is the voice of the European engine power plants industry, representing the leading European manufacturers of this flexible, efficient, reliable and environmentally sound technology. Engine power plants are an optimal solution for both backing-up and generating renewable energy (e.g. with biogas). Cogeneration, the combined generation of power and heat/cold, is a typical engine power plant application providing highest efficiency. For more information please see www.eugine.eu

EUTurbines is the only association of European gas and steam turbine manufacturers. Its members are Ansaldo Energia, Baker Hughes, Doosan Skoda Power, GE Power, MAN Energy Solutions, Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems, Siemens Gas and Power and Solar Turbines. EUTurbines advocates an economic and legislative environment for European turbine manufacturers to develop and grow R&I and manufacturing in Europe and promotes the role of turbine-based power generation in a sustainable, decarbonised European and global energy mix. For more information please see www.euturbines.eu

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