

PRESS RELEASE - The European Renewable Gas Registry submitted application to EC

Brussels, 15 December 2017 - The European Renewable Gas Registry members proudly announced today that the application of the ERGaR RED scheme has been submitted to the European Commission - DG Energy to be recognized as a voluntary scheme under the Renewable Energy Directive 2009/28/EC.

The submission represents a critical milestone, bringing one step closer the goal of establishing a single European biomethane market thanks to an administrative system designed to facilitate cross-border transactions of renewable gasses.

The energy sector is undergoing a deep transformation to a lower carbon energy future like never before. Attention to policy is given to accelerate energy transition post-COP21, and biomethane will play a major role in this sense. The production of renewable gas is increasing and thanks to the ERGaR RED scheme traded cross border in an integrated European market through the natural grids network reaching all end customer segments.

The European Renewable Gas Registry is based on the cooperation with national biogas/biomethane/renewable gas registries, covering today 10 European countries. ERGaR built on its national renewable gas registries' expertise to establish an independent, transparent and trustworthy documentation scheme for cross border transfer and mass balancing of renewable gas injected into the European natural gas network. ERGaR will support the establishment of such registries in every European country and will work towards incorporating all national registries into the scheme.

The concept of cross-border biomethane administration through a new voluntary scheme was developed within the BIOSURF Horizon 2020 project (www.biosurf.eu). In accordance with this concept the cooperation among the national biomethane registries issuing the biomethane Guarantees (or Proofs) of Origin has a central role in the transfer and mass-balancing of biomethane consignments along the European natural gas network.

Looking ahead, the activities of the association will intensively continue to develop further the concept in view of evolution of the legislation related to renewable gaseous fuels, deepen the knowledge between the parties already involved and strengthen the cooperation with the new partners that will join this and the future projects.

About ERGaR:

The European Renewable Gas Registry (ERGaR) - as international non-profit organisation (aisbl) - was established under Belgian law in September 2016 and founded as a cooperation between European biomethane registries that will enable cross border transfer of biomethane among the member registries. More info at www.ergar.org

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