

# 2025

# ANNUAL REPORT

EASEE-GAS

The **EASEE-gas** is run by Kellen, an association management company. Would you like to join EASEE-gas, or do you have questions? Please contact the Secretariat directly via the email below:

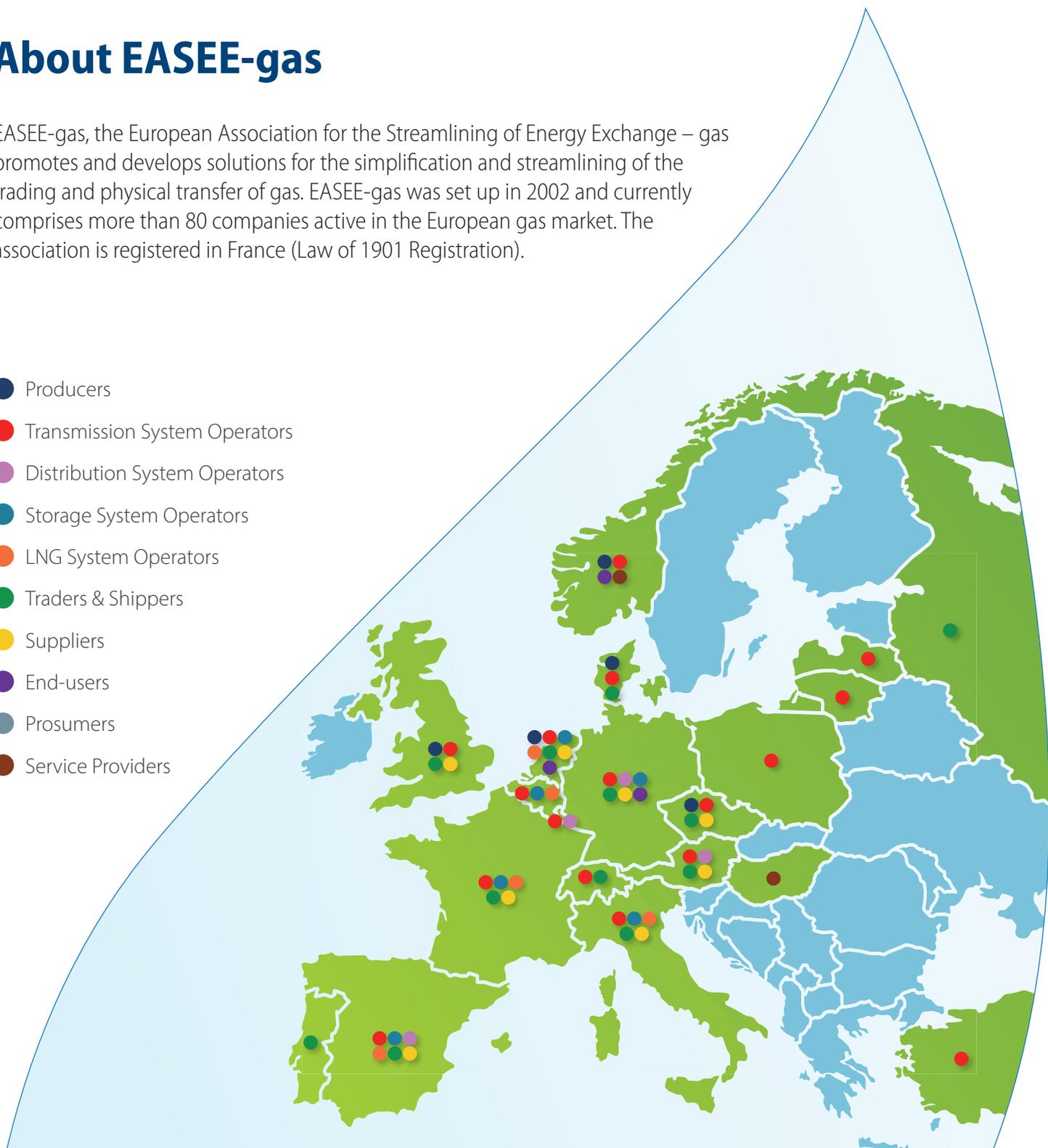
[easee-gas@kellencompany.com](mailto:easee-gas@kellencompany.com)



# About EASEE-gas

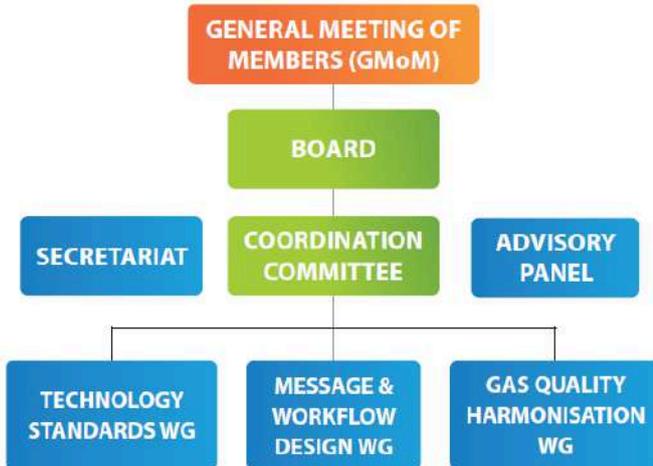
EASEE-gas, the European Association for the Streamlining of Energy Exchange – gas promotes and develops solutions for the simplification and streamlining of the trading and physical transfer of gas. EASEE-gas was set up in 2002 and currently comprises more than 80 companies active in the European gas market. The association is registered in France (Law of 1901 Registration).

- Producers
- Transmission System Operators
- Distribution System Operators
- Storage System Operators
- LNG System Operators
- Traders & Shippers
- Suppliers
- End-users
- Prosumers
- Service Providers



## About Easee-gas (continued)

### Organisation chart



### Contact details



**Legal address:**

Tour Pacific  
11-13 Cours Valmy  
92 977 Paris La Défense  
Cedex  
France



**Mail:** [easee-gas@kellencompany.com](mailto:easee-gas@kellencompany.com)



**Web:** <https://easee-gas.eu>



**European Union Transparency Register:**  
807289724401-47

## The Secretariat

The EASEE-gas Secretariat is run by Kellen, an association management company. The Secretariat is composed of:



Nele Devolder  
General  
Manager



Olga Karline Henkele  
Public Affairs  
Manager



Konstantina Makrydaki  
Communications  
Manager



Eva Palka  
Senior  
Assistant



# Table of Contents

**05** Foreword – Michael Sostmann, Chair

**07** Foreword – Nele Devolder, General Manager

**08** Membership

**09** Board of Directors

**10** Message and Workflow Design Working Group

**11** Gas Quality Harmonisation Working Group

**13** Technology Standards Working Group

**15** The Advisory Panel

**16** Communications & Events

**17** Project EDDIE



## Foreword – Michael Sostmann, Chair



### DEAR EASEE-GAS MEMBERS,

It is a great honour to address you again in this Annual Report, serving as Chair of the EASEE-gas Board of Directors. Together with the Board of Directors, the Secretariat, and our members, we remain committed to strengthening EASEE-gas' role in Brussels and in Europe, supporting an efficient, streamlined, transparent, and well-functioning gas transfer and trading framework across Europe.

*Looking back at 2025, it was a year marked not only by continued developments in European energy policy, but also by strong collaboration within EASEE-gas.*

Our General Meeting of Members in Rome once again demonstrated the value of bringing our community together to discuss these transformations. The constructive exchanges during working group sessions, and Board meetings, the event, combined with the opportunity to engage with colleagues from across the sector, once again confirmed the relevance of EASEE-gas as a practical and trusted association.

Our working groups remain the backbone of EASEE-gas. Through their dedication and expertise, members actively shape solutions that respond to evolving regulatory, technical, and market needs.

I would like to sincerely thank the Working Group Chairs and all members for their commitment, professionalism, and knowledge sharing. Their efforts ensure that EASEE-gas standards and tools remain fit for purpose and continue to deliver tangible value to the market.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the EASEE-gas Secretariat for their ongoing dedication, professionalism, and support, which are essential to ensuring an effective coordination across all EASEE-gas activities.



In 2025, we continued to strengthen EASEE-gas' role as a practical and reliable platform for cooperation within the European gas sector. Thanks to the dedication of our members and working groups, we enhanced our standards and best practices, improved tools for secure and efficient data exchange, and prepared important updates to our communication infrastructure.

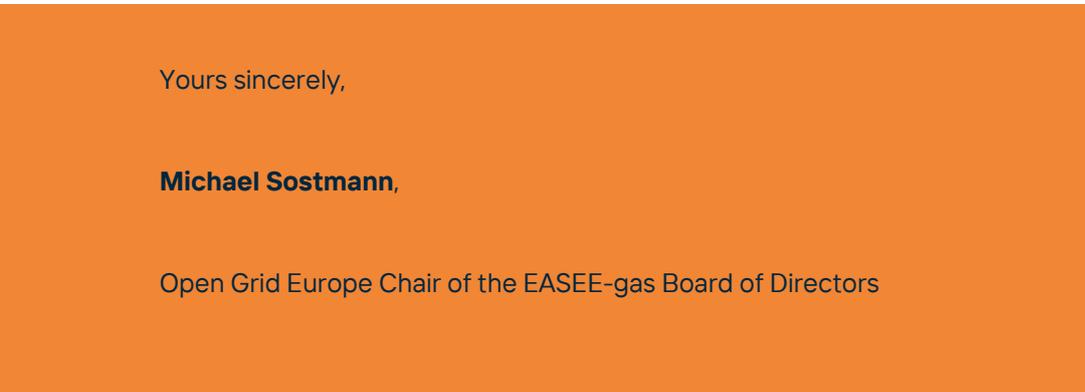
Looking ahead to 2026, we will remain focused on delivering value to our members by implementing necessary regulatory updates, completing key projects, and finalising hydrogen-related guidance. We will continue to improve our standards and tools in line with market and technology developments, strengthen cooperation with European associations, standardisation bodies, and other stakeholders, and encourage broader use of EASEE-gas platforms. By doing so, we aim to provide stability, efficiency, and clarity to market participants during a period of ongoing change.

On behalf of the EASEE-gas Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your trust, engagement, and continued support. I look forward to meeting many of you at our next General Meeting of Members in Lisbon and wish you all a successful 2026.

Yours sincerely,

**Michael Sostmann,**

Open Grid Europe Chair of the EASEE-gas Board of Directors



## Foreword – Nele Devolder, General Manager



### DEAR EASEE-GAS MEMBERS,

Building on the strong foundations established in 2002, EASEE-gas continues to demonstrate its impact as an Association by delivering practical solutions that support streamlined gas transfer and trading across Europe.

Throughout 2025, we saw strong engagement and cooperation across all parts of the EASEE-gas community. I remember the lively discussions during our GMoM in Rome—seeing so many of you engaged and contributing ideas showcases why EASEE-gas is so valuable.



Our Association continued to translate regulatory, technical, and market developments into standards, tools, and practices that support our members. I would like to sincerely thank our Working Group Chairs and all participants for their energy and expertise, as well as the Board for its guidance and clear strategic direction. Their combined efforts ensure that EASEE-gas remains responsive, relevant, and focused on delivering value to its members.

In a time of rapid change, our ability to collaborate and find pragmatic solutions is more important than ever. The Secretariat is proud to support this work by facilitating dialogue, ensuring smooth day-to-day operations, and facilitating the engagement with external stakeholders.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many activities and achievements of EASEE-gas in this Annual Report. I very much look forward to meeting many of you at our next General Meeting of Members in Lisbon and to continuing our cooperation in the year ahead. As always, we invite you to share your ideas, feedback, and suggestions to help EASEE-gas continue to deliver value to its members.

I am excited about the opportunities ahead and confident that, together, we will continue to innovate and strengthen our community.

Kind regards,

Nele Devolder General Manager

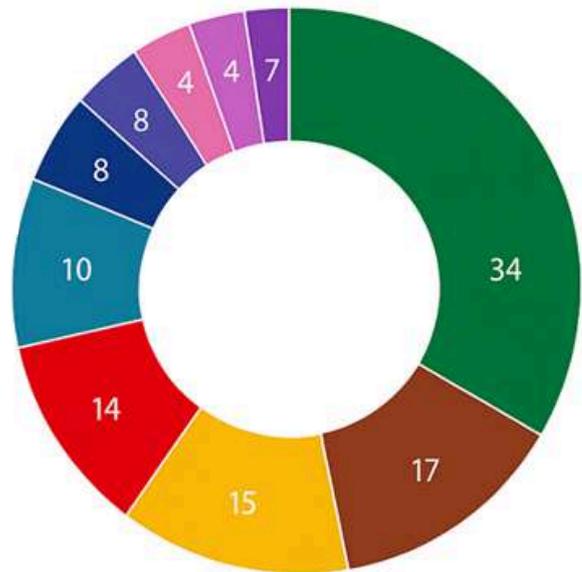
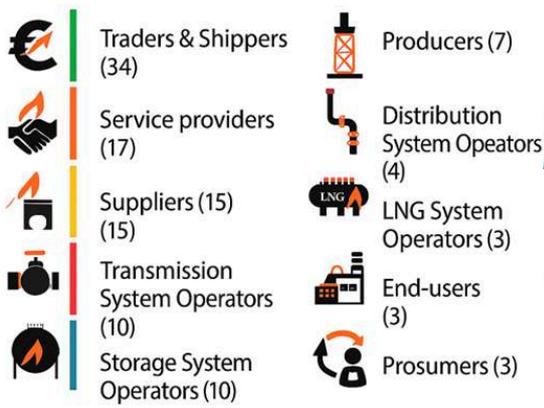


# Membership

**EASEE-gas had 67 full members and 17 service provider members.**

The EASEE-gas Board encourages members to promote the association and to invite companies in the segments with lower representation to join the association and ensure that their views and concerns are taken into account in the various initiatives of the Working Groups and Board. If you need any promotion material or have questions on how to approach the companies, please contact the Secretariat for assistance.

## Membership by category



## New Full Members – 2025

In 2025, the association welcomed new members that further strengthened its representation across the European gas market. Among the full members, Alpine trade d.o.o. joined as a Trader & Shipper based in Slovenia, contributing additional expertise from the regional trading sector. In addition, Navitasoft, a Hungary-based Service Provider, became part of the membership, enhancing the association’s technical and service-oriented capabilities. These new joiners reflect the continued attractiveness of the association to both market participants and supporting service providers.

## New joiners:

### FULL MEMBER:

**Alpine trade d.o.o.**



Trader & Shipper  
Slovenia

### SERVICE PROVIDER:

**Navitasoft**



Service Provider  
Hungary

## Board of Directors



### Michael Sostmann

Open Grid Europe  
**Chair**  
Gas Industry Segment  
Transport System Operator



### Guillaume Vens

GRTgaz  
**Treasurer**  
Gas Industry Segment  
Transmission System Operator



### Anita Nyvold

Yara International  
**Board Member**  
Gas Industry Segment  
End-user and Final Customer



### Luis Ignacio Parada

Enágas  
**Advisory Panel Chair**  
Gas Industry Segment  
LNG System Operator



### Frode Skjæveland

Equinor  
**Secretary**  
Gas Industry Segment  
Producer



### Bart Cornelis

Eni  
**Vice Chair**  
Gas Industry Segment  
Supplier

## Board Meetings – 2025

The EASEE-gas Board met regularly throughout the year – 5 virtual meetings and 3 in-person ones were organised in Rome, Vienna and Brussels.

## Activities – 2025

- GMoM 2025, 19-21 March, Rome
- Meeting with the Energy Community, 5 November, Vienna

# Message and Workflow Design Working Group



The Message and Workflow Design Working Group analyses business requirements and transcribes them into message content/application definitions, including modifications and enhancements of the existing Edig@s messages. The working group is Chaired by **Oliver Schirok** from VNG Handel & Vertrieb GmbH.

## 2025 Achievements

1. Edig@s promotion & awareness
  - Took part in workshop with Energy community
  - Drafted a scorecard assessment method
  - Edig@s validation tool expanded with new messages and validations
2. CBP updates
  - Started on business continuity management
3. Participated and presented in data exchange & cyber security workshop
4. Drafted REMIT schemas in edig@s 6.1 in cooperation with ACER and ENTSOG
5. Maintenance of version 6.1
  - MARSIT documentation review initiated
  - New message Status Request initiated
  - New message Overnomination Confirmation initiated
  - General maintenance requests

## What we want to achieve in 2026 and beyond:



### 1. MONITOR THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS

- a) Network code changes (NC INT, NC CAM/CMP)
- b) Implement changes to REMIT messages in 6.1

### 2. REVIEW CURRENT PROCESSES AND DOCUMENTATION

- a) Complete MARSIT documentation update
- b) Create CBP for business continuity management
- c) Review ACKNOW documentation and process



### 3. EDIG@S PROMOTION & AWARENESS

- a) Workshop for new web-site design and documentation publication & CBP's
- b) Support the Edig@s validation tool
- c) Engage with GIE (especially the SSO's)
- d) Introduce scorecard approach and publication of results



#### 4. MAINTENANCE OF VERSION 6.1

- a) General maintenance requests
- b) New message Status Request
- c) New message Over nomination Confirmation

#### 5. MONITOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW GAS MARKETS (E.G HYDROGEN AND CO2)



#### 6. PARTICIPATE IN JOINT WORKSHOPS (ENTSOG AND TSWG)

## Gas Quality Harmonisation Working Group

---



The Gas Quality Harmonisation Working Group (GQHWG) is chaired by **Peter van Wesenbeeck** from Nederlandse Gasunie. In 2025, the activities of the GQHWG were again primarily concentrated on hydrogen. One of the GQHWG's key strengths is that nearly every stakeholder in the gas value chain is represented within the group, which enables the GQHWG to find consensus-based solutions. The GQHWG is a small working group and warmly welcomes new members.

### 2025 Achievements

The GQHWG, in collaboration with DNV KIWA, has conducted a study on the **optimum hydrogen quality in Europe**. The study is based on the methodology used in the Netherlands at the request of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy but adapted to fulfill the European conditions. The process in 2025 focused on stakeholder engagement, including detailed discussions with storage operators on possible contaminations and purification techniques, and integration of the ENTSOG/ENTSOE TYNDP 2024 scenarios to model future system configurations.

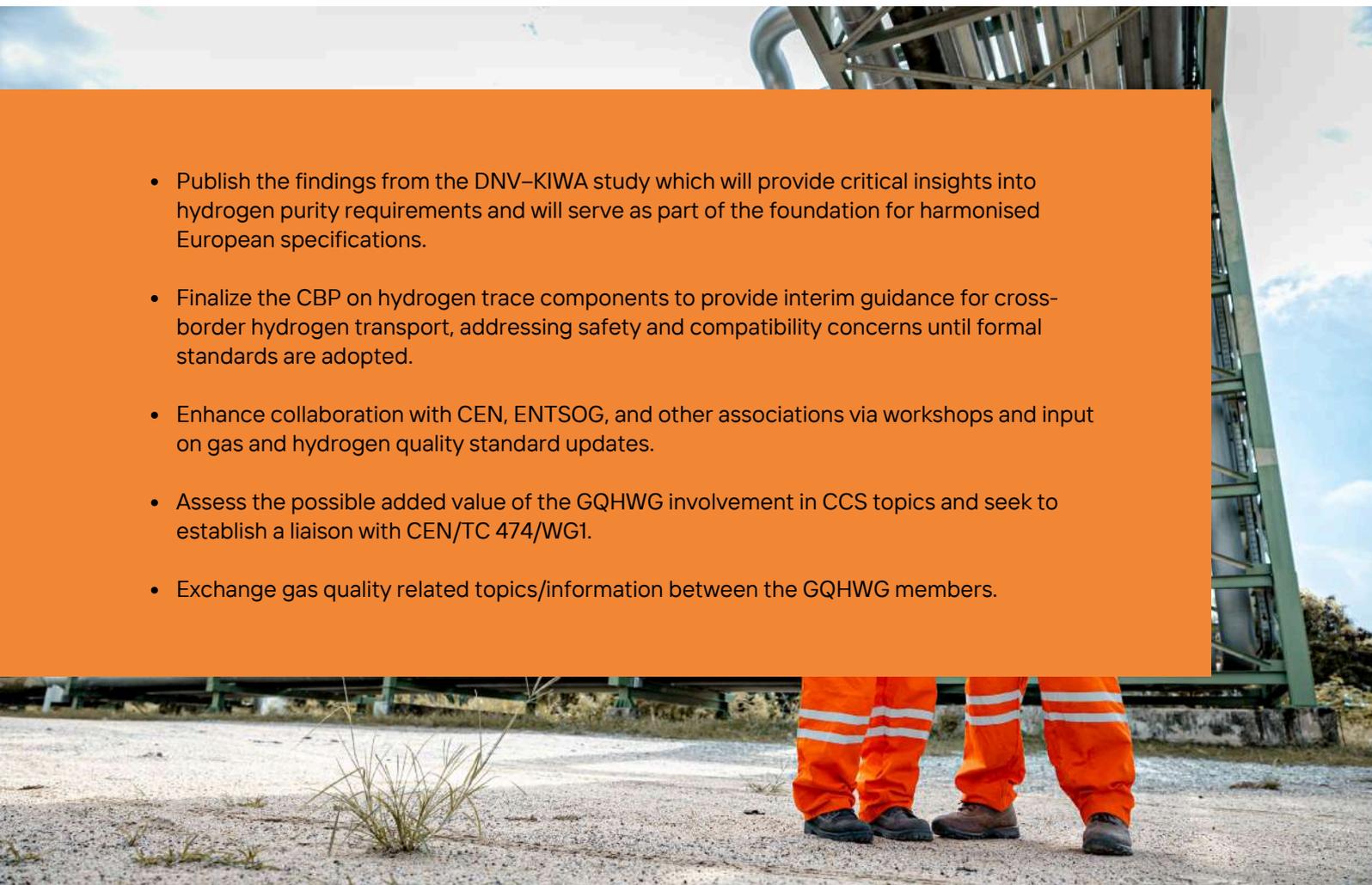
Multiple review rounds and alignment efforts significantly extended the timeline, delaying completion beyond initial expectations. The DNV–KIWA report will form a core analytical component of a broader EASEE-gas publication and will be published at beginning of 2026.

In 2025, the GQHWG launched an initiative to develop a **Common Business Practice (CBP)** focused exclusively on trace components in hydrogen transported through dedicated networks. While most discussions in Europe have centered on minimum hydrogen purity (e.g., 98% or 99.5%), industry feedback highlighted that trace impurities—such as oxygen, carbon monoxide, sulfur compounds, and halogenated species—are often more critical for safety, equipment protection, and end-use compatibility than the absolute hydrogen content. The CBP aims to provide a practical interim specification to support cross-border hydrogen trade and infrastructure development, bridging the gap until formal CEN standards are adopted.

At the **ENTSOG Gas Quality Workshop** in November 2025, the GQHWG highlighted its ongoing efforts to harmonize gas quality standards across Europe. Key points included the development of a Common Business Practice (CBP) for hydrogen impurities, addressing critical trace components to ensure safe and interoperable hydrogen transport. The presentation also covered progress on the DNV–KIWA hydrogen purity study

## What we want to achieve in 2026 and beyond:

- Publish the findings from the DNV–KIWA study which will provide critical insights into hydrogen purity requirements and will serve as part of the foundation for harmonised European specifications.
- Finalize the CBP on hydrogen trace components to provide interim guidance for cross-border hydrogen transport, addressing safety and compatibility concerns until formal standards are adopted.
- Enhance collaboration with CEN, ENTSOG, and other associations via workshops and input on gas and hydrogen quality standard updates.
- Assess the possible added value of the GQHWG involvement in CCS topics and seek to establish a liaison with CEN/TC 474/WG1.
- Exchange gas quality related topics/information between the GQHWG members.





## Technology Standards Working Group

This group develops and supports communication standards for the exchange of gas business information between the various market players. The group is chaired by **Dirk Serruys**, Fluxys Belgium.

### 2025 Activities

As EASEE-gas certificates are coming to the end of their validity period in 2026, we prepared the start of a **new Migration of Certificates (MoC) project**. We specifically looked at aligning our approach with the publication, by ENTSOG, of version 4.0 of the AS4 profile. The new profile version has a new set of requirements for certificates and we need to prepare for this change. In order not to disrupt operations and because we don't know upfront which member will be ready to support this new profile version we decided to launch 2 tracks in parallel: one track which will focus on replacing the certificates that will expire and therefore guaranteeing smooth operations.

A second track will work on having the capability of **generating certificates conformant to the version 4.0 of the AS4 profile**. We worked together with ENTSO-g on a joint workshop on data exchange where we demo 'dour easee-connect platform for the management of communication profiles and gave a presentation on the approach for the upcoming MoC project.

## What we want to achieve in 2026 and beyond:

- The priority for 2026 will be the management of the MoC project 2026. With the help of PSvdL we will change the current EASEEgas certificates with new ones. The project team will coordinate all migration steps keeping you updated with the progress and assisting you in making the transition as easy as possible.
- We also would like to revise certain older CBP's to keep them aligned with the latest developments in the domain of data exchange. Topics still need to be defined but we will assist in organizing a workshop on data exchange together with ENTSO-g in 2026.
- We will continue advertizing the benefits of working with a platform like easee-connect and hope to invite/convince as much participants as possible.



## Invitation to participate in a Working Group



**Participation in the Working Groups is open to EASEE-gas member companies.** If you are a member and want to get involved in one or several Working Groups, please contact the EASEE-gas Secretariat or the chair of the Working Group. **Our Working Groups' achievements highly depend on the member's participation!** We are always looking for new members and growing our working groups. If you think a specific working group is missing, please get in touch with the Secretariat so we can get the right people involved.

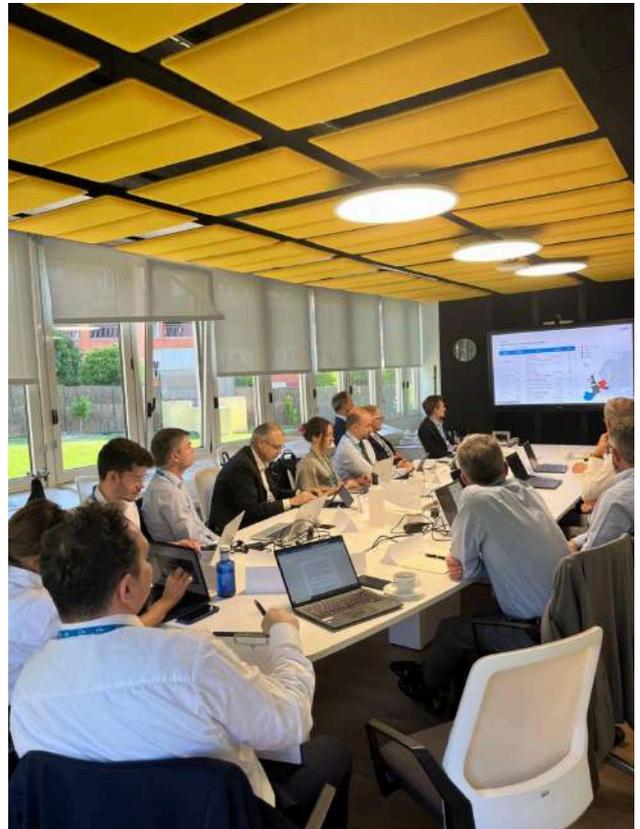


## The Advisory Panel

In 2020 the role of the Advisory Panel was reviewed. One of the objectives set by the Board was to leverage the Advisory Panel and to turn it into a platform for the exchange of information and ensure coordination of actions between the major industry associations in the gas sector. Hydrogen Europe, ENTSOG and the European Biogas Association were invited to join the group.

## Madrid Forum

Enagas (Chair)	IFIEC
Energy Traders Europe	E-Control
IOGP	CEN TC 234
Eurogas	Eurelectric
Eugine	EUTurbines
GIE	Marcogaz
ENTSOG	Hydrogen Europe
European Biogas Association	ENNOH



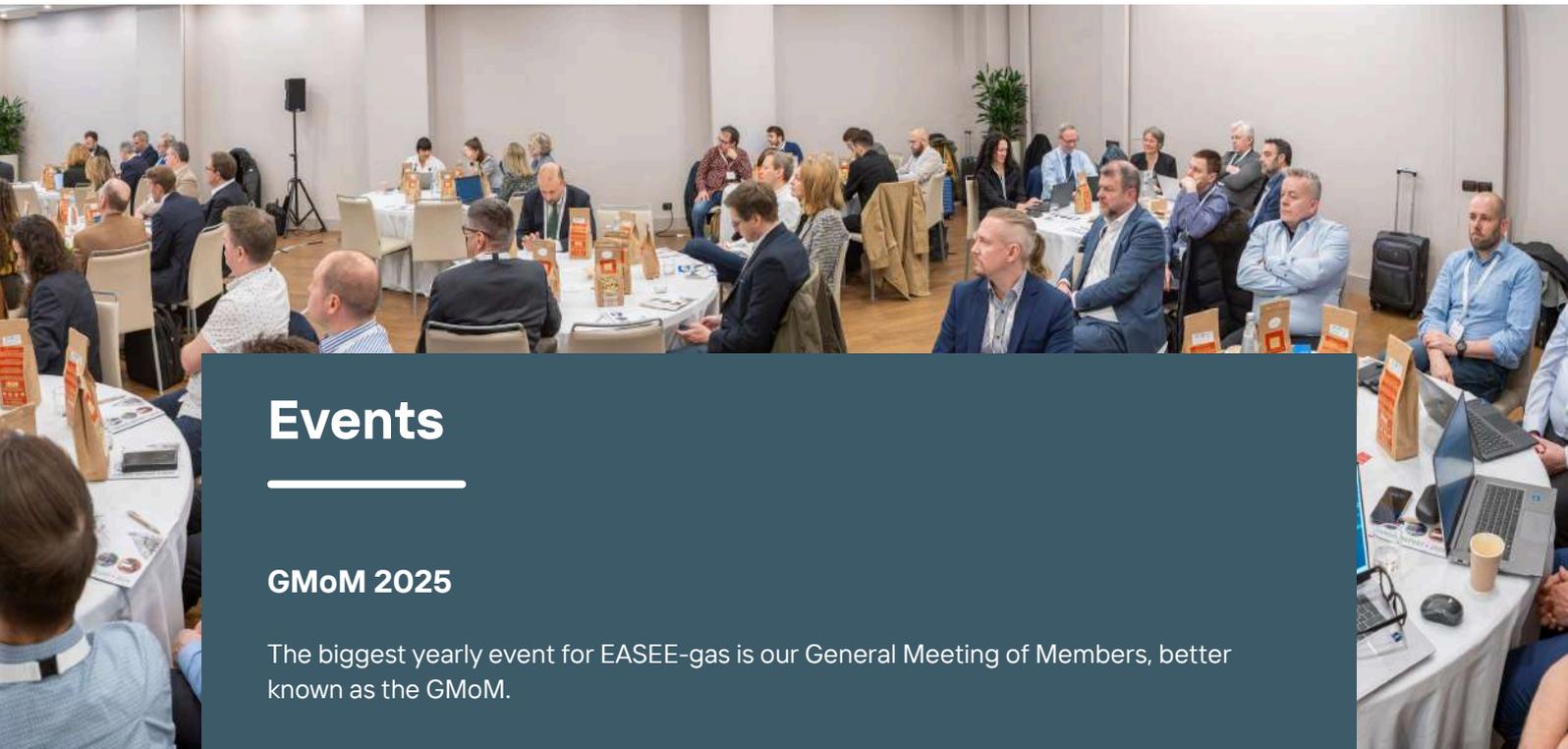
# Communications

---

In 2025 there was a continued focus on the overall EASEE-gas communications efforts. This included communicating the achievements of the working groups both on the website, through LinkedIn, and via the newsletter. SharePoint has also been updated regularly by the secretariat and the members of the three different working groups. If you don't have access yet, please get in touch with the secretariat.

Throughout the year, the EASEE-gas Communications Department has actively collaborated with Working Group (WG) Chairs to support and enhance the association's key initiatives. This collaborative effort has encompassed a wide range of activities, including organizing and managing public consultations, conducting comprehensive member surveys to gather valuable feedback, and updating Common Business Practices (CBPs) to reflect the evolving needs of the industry.

Additionally, the department has played a pivotal role in representing EASEE-gas at external events, ensuring the association's voice is heard on critical issues. It has also been responsible for developing and disseminating member communication materials, aimed at keeping the membership informed and engaged with the latest developments, initiatives, and opportunities within the association. These efforts have been instrumental in driving EASEE-gas's mission forward and strengthening its connection with stakeholders.



## Events

---

### GMoM 2025

The biggest yearly event for EASEE-gas is our General Meeting of Members, better known as the GMoM.

### Workshops (WG Chairs)

- Joint workshop ENTSOG/GIE/EASEE-gas, 1-2 October
- ENTSOG Gas Quality Workshop, 19 November

## Project EDDIE

Project EDDIE should have been ended in December 2025. However, not all European member states have implemented the regulation on access to metering and consumption data, that Project EDDIE relies on with its demonstrators. For this reason, we put in a request to the commission for a **budget-neutral extension of the project to 30th of June 2026**, which was recently granted. As it looks now, we are able to additionally connect both Italy and United Kingdom. For other Member States that are still lagging behind in terms of transposition of European legislation, EDDIE has put in place a contingency strategy to allow for data-driven applications to work in these geographies, utilizing smart meter near real-time interfaces.

2025 has been a productive year where Project EDDIE laid a solid foundation with its framework, both for historical consumption data and data retrieved directly from the smart meter.



The demonstrators already include aspects of the Implementing Regulations on Data Interoperability for Demand Response which is currently in the process of being prepared for publication in Q4 2026.

With the wide range of implementations, Project EDDIE (re-)used existing international data standards, which we partially have extended for our purpose.



This has triggered the international standardisation organisations (CIM Working Groups, IEC Working Groups and DLMS/COSEM) to work more closely together to reach interoperability between them.

The Data for Energy (D4E) Expert Group, setup by the European Commission under the roof of the Smart Energy Expert Group (SEEG) to form a high-level overview of the energy landscape, has already adopted essential parts of Project EDDIE's architecture.

As our efforts are being finalised, Project EDDIE is busy registering its building blocks as Open Source to the Linux Foundation and specifically the Linux Foundation Energy. This allow futures projects to re-use what is already proven technology.

With this, we can say, **EDDIE is here to stay**, even though the project will be closed in June 2026. The feedback we got from the European Commission was that we, as a project, are considered to be **the most impactful and productive in terms of result of all six projects nominated under the specific Horizon cluster of calls in 2021. That's something to be proud of.**

