



## 2020 Annual Report



## 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.

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## Foreword

Dear EASEE-gas members,

This past year has been a year like no other. The Coronavirus pandemic has profoundly changed our lives both at a personal and professional level. I personally miss the face-to-face interactions and, seen that at the beginning of 2021 I will retire as Chair of the EASEE-gas Board of Directors, I regret not having had the opportunity to meet you in person.

However, I look back proudly at everything EASEE-gas has managed to achieve during the past year. Despite the challenges, for EASEE-gas 2020 was also a year of positive changes.

During the General Meeting of Members that took place virtually in March, we secured the approval of members for new Articles of Association. With renewed mission and objectives, a more diversified membership and a greater participation of members, EASEE-gas is now better equipped to embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Five new members have joined the association in 2020.

Still on a positive note, the Message and Workflow design Working Group launched version 6 of Edig@s, the well-known electronic message standard for the gas market. Compared to its previous versions, Edig@s V6 further advances the harmonisation of the European gas market by better clarifying and streamlining implementation.

The Technology Standards Working Group continued its work on finalising the development of EASEE-connect, the trusted digital platform for AS4/AS2 profiles. This solution, which will be launched in 2021, will greatly help gas market participants in creating and managing their AS4/AS2 company profiles and portfolio of business connections in a simple and secure way. At the end of the year, we experienced an unforeseen revocation of security certificates by the issuing authority, which prompted the early start of the Migration of Certificates project. The group, with the support of PSvdL Consulting, did an excellent job in managing the certificates exchange in record time and thus avoided any communication disruption on the gas market.

The outbreak of the pandemic has emphasised the need for our societies to emerge more sustainable and resilient. As part of the EU Green Deal, the European Commission announced during the summer its strategies for energy system integration and hydrogen. The existing gas infrastructure will play a key role in the transition to greener gases and the discussion on gas quality became more relevant than ever.

EASEE-gas joined EU initiatives such as the European Clean Hydrogen Alliance and ENTSOG's Prime Movers group on gas quality and hydrogen handling to follow and have a say in these important discussions. The Gas Quality Harmonisation Working Group has been working hard on developing a Common Business Practice for the harmonisation of hydrogen flowing through natural gas infrastructure. Its publication is expected for the summer of 2021.

It was a true honour for me to work closely with so many wonderful professionals committed to supporting the European gas market thrive. My sincere thanks for the good cooperation and trust and my best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,  
Peter Meeuwis  
Chair of the EASEE-gas Board of Directors



## Strategic Review Exercise

Early 2020 the EASEE-gas membership approved a new version of the Articles of Association as a result of the strategic review exercise carried out by the leadership of the association during 2019-2020. The process aimed at reviewing the mission, objectives, structure, governance and activities of EASEE-gas in light of the latest developments including at regulatory level. The changes voted by the membership via written procedure in spring 2020 lead to considerable changes in the structure and governance of the association which were implemented by the Board and the office throughout 2020.

### New mission and objectives

The new mission statement is broader and shifts focus away from the CBPs which are no longer as relevant as a few years ago. Solutions such as Edig@s, the security certificates, the CBPs and the soon-to-be released EASEE-connect are examples of concrete products developed by the association which benefit not only our members but also the energy market at large.

***EASEE-gas delivers efficient and harmonised solutions that support business processes across the different actors in the gas value chain. We facilitate the transition to a sustainable and integrated energy system in Europe.***

The new objectives give more details about what exactly the association and its Working Groups are developing in order to deliver on the mission statement:

#### **Objectives:**

- To develop new and maintain existing business solutions that serve the needs of the gas value chain, bring additional efficiency and secure services in the sector
- To develop, maintain and promote data exchange standards for the energy sector
- To proactively advocate towards stakeholders and authorities for a wider implementation of both the existing and the new EASEE-gas business solutions by all players in the value chain
- To accelerate the transition towards tomorrow's energy system by facilitating the interoperability of energy systems
- To interact with other stakeholders, by sharing information and establishing a dialogue on the further integration of the energy sector

### Membership structure

With the new structure, our membership is now spread across the various industry segments in a more balanced way. This also resulted in a more accurate representation of the roles our member companies play on the gas market. The TSO and Trader & Shipper segments continue to represent the biggest part of the membership, but the Supplier segment for instance increased from 4 to 16 companies. Thanks to the new structure we are also able to quantify the number of companies active in LNG, storage and distribution activities which before were all combined into one single segment (LTSOSP).

### Gas Industry Segments in 2019

Producers
Transporters
Distributors
LNG Terminal and Storage Operator and Service Providers
Traders & Shippers
Retail suppliers
Suppliers
End-users



### Gas Industry Segments in 2020

Producers
Transmission System Operators
Distribution System Operators
Storage System Operators
LNG Terminal Operators
Traders & Shippers
Suppliers
End-users
Prosumer

### Membership in January 2020



- 80 Full Members
- 4 Consultant Members

### Membership in December 2020



- 72 Full Members
- 13 Service Provider Members

### EASEE-gas members across Europe



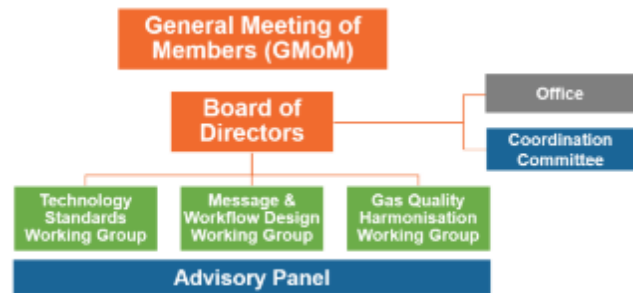
## Governance

In terms of governance, we now have a more streamlined structure. The rules for taking part in the Board were simplified: the threshold of four companies per segment was eliminated. The composition was also increased from 8 to 12 members. Two new member companies joined the Board after the 2020 elections. Thanks to the new rules, segments with lower number of companies (eg. end-user) can still take part in the Board. The Executive Committee (ExCom) was discontinued. The group was responsible for the CBPs but since these are less relevant, so was the need for such a group. This reduced one layer in our structure and more importantly it allowed direct participation and contribution of the chairs of the Working Groups to the Board meetings.

**Organisation Chart in 2019**



**Organisation Chart in 2020**



The strategic review exercise also led to some reflection on the role of the Advisory Panel. The intention was to leverage this group further and to turn it into a platform for exchange of information and where possible coordination of activities among the major gas-related associations in Europe. We invited new organisations to join the group: Hydrogen Europe, ENTSOG and the European Biogas Association. The meetings are now a roundtable format where everyone is very much welcomed to contribute instead of the one-way reporting type of meetings of the past.

## Strategic Plan

Following the GMoM in spring 2020, the Board started putting together a Strategic Plan based on the seven strategic priorities approved by the membership during the GMoM. A scorecard format is used to monitor progress. The plan was presented to the membership during the webinar of 4 November 2020.

The strategic plan is available for download on the reserved area of the website.



Also within the Board of Directors, efforts went into a better division of roles and responsibilities among the different members. This exercise was especially important in view of the succession of Peter Meeuwis in spring 2021. Responsibilities were assigned taking into account the priorities of the strategic plan:

- Governance: Michael Pustlauk

- Participation in the Madrid Forum and other European Fora: Luis Parada
- Working Groups & Coordination Committee: Bart Cornelis
- Communications: Michael Sostmann
- Finances: Guillaume Vens

The Board of Directors is pleased with the implementation of the Strategic Review Exercise and sincerely thanks all those who participated in the process since the initial discussions in 2019. We are confident we now have a more agile association which is better equipped to take our initiatives forward and bring value to our members.



## Membership

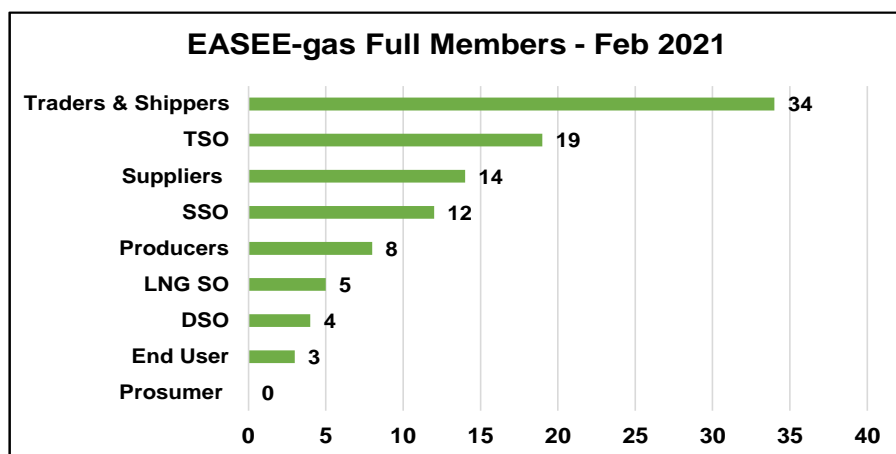
The new membership structure approved in spring 2020 resulted in considerable changes to the membership of EASEE-gas:

- Seven full members switched to the new category of service provider member
- Three full members combined the multiple memberships they had into one single membership:
  - Fluxys LNG combined with Fluxys SA
  - EnergyStock and BBL combined with Nederlandse Gasunie
  - Engie Global Markets combined with Engie SA

On 16 February 2021, EASEE-gas has 69 full members and 15 service provider members.

New members that joined since the last GMoM	
Full Members	Service Provider Members
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amber Grid, Lithuania, TSO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FGSZ Trading Platform, Hungary</li> <li>• Virtimo, Germany</li> <li>• Route4Gas, The Netherlands</li> <li>• Navitasoft Zrt., Hungary</li> </ul>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EuRoPol Gaz, Poland, TSO</li> </ul>	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sev.en Commodities, Liechtenstein, Trader &amp; Shipper</li> </ul>	
Resignations received in 2020	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Illumia, Italy, Supplier/Trader &amp; Shipper</li> <li>• Shell Energy Europe, The Netherlands, Supplier/Trader &amp; Shipper</li> <li>• Interconnector, UK, TSO</li> </ul>	

The full list of members is available on the website: <https://easee-gas.eu/members-list>.



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.

## Board of Directors

Composition in 2020		
Name	Company	Gas Industry Segment
Chairman, Peter Meeuwis	GasTerra	Trader & Shipper
Vice-Chairman Michael Pustlauk	Equinor	Producer
Treasurer, Guillaume Vens	GRTgaz	TSO
Director, Luis Ignacio Parada	Enagas	LNG SO
Director, Bart Cornelis	Eni	Supplier
Director, Anita Nyvold	Yara International	End user
Director, Alexey Krugovets	Gazprom Export	Trader & Shipper
Director, Michael Sostmann	Open Grid Europe	TSO

The EASEE-gas Board met regularly throughout the year. In total, it had ten meetings: one face-to-face meeting in Brussels and the rest virtually. During the GMoM the mandate of the six existing Board Directors was extended for one year until the 2021 GMoM. Two additional Board Directors were elected in May: Alexey Krugovets and Michael Sostmann for a three year's mandate.

### 2020 Activities:

- Completion and subsequent implementation of the Strategic Review**  
 Early 2020 the Board was focused on finalising the Articles of Association and briefing membership on all the changes to be introduced in the association. Implementation of the new structure started in April after the GMoM's approval. The following months were dedicated to the Strategic Plan and to populating the scorecard with measurable actions, budget and timeframe as well as assigning a champion responsible for completing each action.
- Assigning roles and responsibilities within the Board**  
 The Strategic Plan and the scorecard framework lead to a discussion on how to better divide the roles and responsibilities among the Board of Directors. This was of particular relevance given the retirement of Peter Meeuwis mid-2021. It was decided that Michael Sostmann would be responsible for the communication activities. Luis Parada would take the lead on the Madrid Forum, Advisory Panel and participation at other European fora such as the European Clean Hydrogen Alliance. Bart Cornelis will be responsible for the Coordination Committee and oversight over the Working Groups. Michael Pustlauk is taking the lead on the terms of use and financing of security certificates and review of revenue structure.
- Financial oversight and review of the association's revenue streams**  
 The implementation of the new membership structure led to changes in our membership figures: some companies combined the multiple memberships they had; other companies switched category to service provider member. This resulted in less income than initial foreseen. Covid-19 restrictions and cancellation of all physical meetings lead to some savings which balanced the finances. Notwithstanding and in result of the economic downturn felt by member companies, the Board had a closer look at the list of service providers and suppliers used by the association and discussed the introduction of efficiencies. One item under discussion is for instance the possibility to switch membership fee payments to credit card online payment instead of issuing an invoice. The pros and cons are still being reviewed and will be further discussed in 2021.
- EASEE-gas services: EASEE-connect and security certificates**  
 Since a couple of years now EASEE-gas is allowed to sell services to members and non-members. With the development of EASEE-connect and the success of the security certificates, the Board looked at the terms of use of both services as well as the pricing to be charged to both members and non-members. The launch of EASEE-connect was postponed to 2021 which gives more time to fine-tune the conditions under which the service will be made available.

## Coordination Committee

Current Composition		
Name	Company	Segment
Peter Meeuwis, Chair of the Board	GasTerra	Trader & Shipper
Bart Cornelis, Board liaison	Eni	Supplier/ Trader & Shipper
Jarle Rønnevik, Chair of the Message & Workflow Design WG	Equinor	Producer
Dirk Serruys, Chair of the Technology Standards WG	Fluxys	TSO/SSO/LNG SO
Peter Van Wesenbeeck, Chair of the GQH WG	Nederlandse Gasunie	TSO/SSO
Oliver Schirok, Chair of the Gas Role Model Task Force	VNG Handel & Vertrieb	Trader & Shipper / Supplier

The Joint Chairmen Group was renamed Coordination Committee following the Strategic Review exercise. The composition remained the same: the chairs of the Working Groups of EASEE-gas, plus the chair of the Board. Bart Cornelis acts as Board liaison. The WG' secretaries and the chairs of Task Forces are also invited to take part in the meetings. The group's main purpose is to ensure a regular and updated information exchange about the activities performed by the Working Groups in relation to the objectives listed in the Strategic Plan of the association. The chairs of the Working Groups are also invited to take part in some of the Board meetings to report directly to the Board on the status of the Working Group activities.

The group had three virtual meetings in 2020: two in March and one in December. The discussions focused on: preparation for the virtual GMoM in March and the webinar with the membership in November; preparation of the security certificate migration process and review of the activities of all Working Groups.

## Working Groups

### Message and Workflow Design Working Group

The Message and Workflow Design Working Group (MWDWG) is chaired by Jarle Rønnevik from Equinor with the support of Marius Fornæss from Sysco.

#### 2020 Activities:

- **Edig@s version 6** was completed and released on 27 August 2020. Since its release, Edig@s V6 has been downloaded 96 times. The Edig@s messages are mostly used for the following processes: Nomination & Matching, Balancing & Settlement and General Process.
- **A full version 5 and 6 comparison** was completed and released together with the version 6 of Edig@s
- A presentation of Edig@s and its practical usage was given at the joint EASEE-gas/ENTSOG workshop
- The MWDWG set up **three new task forces**:
  - Task force for capacity process to further harmonise and improve capacity
  - Task force to support the invoicing process in Edig@s with 7 member companies contributing
  - Task force for Storage System Operators to increase support for storage processes in Edig@s
- Further alignment with the Harmonised Gas Role Model Specification document

**96 downloads of Edig@s V6**

### Technology Standards Working Group

The Technology Standards Working Group (TSWG) is chaired by Dirk Serruys from Fluxys with the support of Wim de Olde (Nederlandse Gasunie) as secretary.

## 2020 Activities:

- In 2020, the TSWG continued work on **EASEE-connect**. The first version of this brand new communication profile management platform is almost ready for launch. The final steps include a clean install on an empty database and a final rundown of all functionalities. Users will be then gradually accepted on the platform.
- Unfortunately, in 2020, the TSWG also had to tackle a global security incident around security certificates. The group needed to act fast and decided to launch the **Migration of Certificates project** planned for 2021 in December 2020. Thanks to the project team of PSvdL Consulting, and the focus of the EASEE-gas members, the TSWG managed to deliver in 6 weeks what otherwise would have taken several months of work. The GoLive on 12 January 2021 was considered a success and all EASEE-gas certificates were renewed ahead of the revocation of the Quovadis intermediate certificate which would have caused major operational problems with messaging.

## Gas Quality Harmonisation Working Group

The Gas Quality Harmonisation Working Group (GQHWG) is chaired by Peter van Wesenbeeck from Nederlandse Gasunie. Klaas Hoekstra (GasTerra) was in charge of the secretariat during the first half of 2020 until his retirement. The secretary vacancy was directly filled in by Charlotte Besnier (GRT Gaz).

## 2020 Activities:

- In 2019, the GQHWG started the work on a **Common Business Practice (CBP) for the harmonisation of ‘pure’ hydrogen flowing (partially) through systems and/or networks that were designed and/or used for natural gas**. The scope of the CBP was approved by the Executive Committee on 16 May 2019. During 2020, a report was drafted in which all the background information needed as input for the CBP is available. As the requirements from the various hydrogen producers and different end user segments vary considerably from one another, it took more time than foreseen to reach a consensus. It is expected that the draft CBP will be available in the summer of 2021.
- The contribution of the GQHWG to the **CEN Sector Forum Gas Pre-normative study on the Wobbe range, the plenary meetings of CEN TC234 and the working group meetings CEN TC234 WG11 ‘Gas Quality’** continued also in 2020. Although a first draft proposal for the Wobbe-index was drafted by the CEN Sector Forum Gas at the end of 2019 which was accepted by the majority of the participants, it was necessary to discuss the details during 2020. At the moment, all comments on the draft version of the report are processed and the final report is expected to be available soon. This report will serve as input for the revision of EN 16726 by CEN TC234 WG11.

Since the CEN SFGas GQS proposal for the Wobbe range is partly based on a new classification system which needs to be enshrined in some form of regulation/legislation, the report will also inform a separate process in which the setup of the classification system is dealt with. This process is not dealt within CEN but was taken on board in Working Group 1 of the Prime Movers’ Group. The GQHWG also contributes to this working group which started its activities in January 2021.

- In 2019, the GQHWG took a seat in the **CEN supervisory board** which was set up **to guide and validate the work of an EU financed GERG project on hydrogen**. This project aims to remove the technical barriers for injection/use of hydrogen in natural gas infrastructure and gas applications. The project is divided in eight topics and for each topic a lead organisation was designated. Due to the fact that there were contractual/financing issues from the side of the EU, the GERG project started only at the beginning of this year so no further information is available at the moment.

## Advisory Panel

Current Composition	
Name	Company/Association
Raquel Ponte Costa, Advisory Panel Chair	EASEE-gas
Peter Meeuwis, EASEE-gas Chair	GasTerra
Jan van Aken	EFET
Luis Parada	Enagas
Boyana Achovski	GIE
Kees Bouwens	IOGP
Manuel Coxe	Marcogaz
Sue Harrison	UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
Nicolas Jensens	Eurogas
Dirk Jan Meuzelaar	USG
Jochen Wagner	IFIEC
Markus Krug	E-Control
Hiltrud Schuelken	CEN TC 234 Secretary
Martin Winkeler	CEN TC 234 Chair
Cyril Harry	Eurelectric
Sonia Clarena Baron	EUTurbines
Annette Jantzen	EUGINE
Constantine Levoyannis	Hydrogen Europe
Hendrik Pollex	ENTSOG
Harmen Dekker	European Biogas Association

One of the objectives of 2020 set by the Board was to leverage the Advisory Panel and to turn it into a platform for exchange of information and where possible coordination of action between the major industry associations in the gas sector. It was decided to enlarge the group and to invite Hydrogen Europe, ENTSOG and the European Biogas Association. The chairmanship of the group also transitioned to Raquel Ponte Costa given the upcoming retirement of Jan Van Aken. Since there were no physical Madrid Forum meetings in 2020, the group met virtually in July and in October.

Under the new format of the Advisory Panel, a topic is selected for each meeting and all members are invited to contribute and to share information and insights about activities and updates. The October meeting focused on the injection of renewable gas in the grid and the definition of responsibilities and obligations among market players. Participants discussed the ambitions of the European Commission against the current challenges in the field but also the expected developments in the near future.

## Participation in European initiatives

### Hydrogen and gas quality

In July 2020, the European Commission presented the EU strategies for energy system integration and hydrogen. The strategies present a new clean energy agenda paving the way towards a more efficient and interconnected energy sector. As highlighted in its new mission statement, EASEE-gas is committed to supporting the transition to a sustainable and integrated energy system in Europe. Guided by this objective, EASEE-gas joined two European initiatives set up in 2020 to deal with these topics, namely:

- **The European Clean Hydrogen Alliance** which gathers industry leaders, public authorities, research and innovation community, civil society and other stakeholders to facilitate the scale up of renewable and low-carbon hydrogen production, distribution and deployment until 2030. The Alliance will build up an investment pipeline for scaled-up production and will support demand for clean hydrogen in the EU. The Alliance was launched together with the hydrogen strategy.

The first **European Hydrogen Forum**, which is the plenary assembly of the Alliance, took place on 26-27 November and EASEE-gas was represented by Luis Ignacio Parada (Enagás) and Peter Meeuwis (GasTerra).

- The GQHWG is taking part in the **The Prime Movers' Group on Gas Quality and Hydrogen Handling** which was established by ENTSOG (The European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas) together with DSO organisations (Eurogas, Geode, CEDEC, GD4S) for the stakeholders of the gas value chain. The ultimate goal of this group is to reach a better understanding on the main principles to handle gas quality related to renewable, decarbonised and low-carbon gases that can optimise the diversification of supplies, decarbonisation of the grid and guarantee end-user safety and access to the product they require.

This group will discuss the development of innovative and feasible ways to handle gas quality in fluctuating blends, as well as pure hydrogen grids in our future gas system, and the main technical challenges foreseen.

### Smart Grids & Data interoperability

- EASEE-gas is currently represented in the **EU Smart Grid Task Force Group 1 on Data Interoperability** by Wout van Voornveld (Gasunie). The role of this group is to advise the Commission with its expert knowledge and propose interoperability requirements as well as transparent and non-discriminatory procedures for access and exchange of electricity (and gas) data in the EU.

In 2020, the activities of the group focused on the preparation of legislative text for Implementing Acts. Although the main target is the electricity market, the group intends to investigate how the proposed interoperability arrangements could be extended, where appropriate, to gas. The final report is expected for the second quarter of 2021.

## Communications

The communication efforts were intensified in 2020 and focused on improving the website, developing branding and communication materials and ensuring a regular activity on LinkedIn.

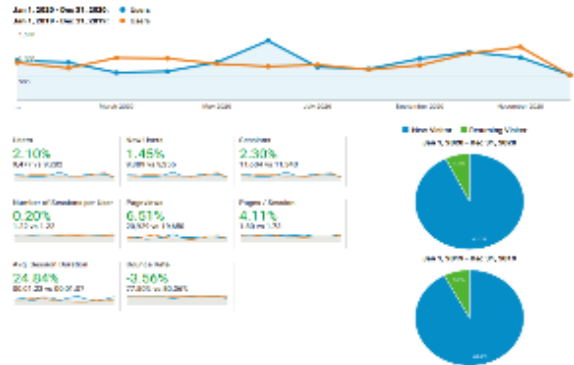
### Website

The website was enriched with new content: two new webpages on [membership benefits](#) and [EASEE-connect](#) were created while several pages, including the ones on [Edig@s](#) and [About EASEE-gas](#), were updated. Visual elements such as pictures, icons and videos were added to different pages and the structure of the navigation bar was simplified in order to improve user experience.

Overall, the website performed better compared to 2019. All website metrics registered a positive trend.

Noteworthy is the increase in the user engagement: visitors spent more time on the website while consulting more pages as shown by: the 25% increase in the average session duration, the slightly lower bounce rate and the increase in page views.

Compared to the previous year, the website registered more traffic coming from social media (LinkedIn).



### News & newsletters

In 2020, six news items were published on the website:

- 23 April: EASEE-gas adapts its mission and structure to embrace change
- 20 May: EASEE-gas releases guidelines on the use of Energy Identification Codes
- 9 June: EASEE-gas elects new members to the Board of Directors
- 27 August: Edig@s v.6 furthers the harmonisation of message exchange on the gas market
- 7 October: EASEE-gas welcomes four new members
- 14 October: Gas industry is committed to reduce methane emissions

Four newsletters were sent to the entire EASEE-gas membership in February, June, October and December. The newsletter is an important tool to keep members informed on the main activities and highlights of the association. All newsletters, including editions from previous years, can be consulted at any time on the reserved area of the website: <https://easee-gas.eu/reserved-area/easee-gas-newsletters>.

### LinkedIn

In 2020, EASEE-gas gained 87 new followers on LinkedIn which translates in a 63% increase. More than a half of the followers are coming from the oil & energy and utilities industries.

**63 % increase in the number of LinkedIn followers**

### Branding and communication materials

Several visuals were developed in order to increase the visibility of EASEE-gas and of its main solutions developed to simplify gas transfer and trading across Europe.

A logo was developed for Edig@s, the well-known electronic message standard for the European gas market. A logo and an explainer animation were developed for EASEE-connect – the digital platform for the creation and management of AS4 and AS2 profiles. Icons representing the nine membership segments of EASEE-gas were developed in order to have a clear visual representation of the whole gas value chain EASEE-gas is representing.



A new slide deck presenting the association and the main benefits of membership was also developed and published on the website [here](#).

All elements are also available for download for members' use in the reserved area of the website in the Communications section.

**Edig@s logo**



**EASEE-connect logo**



**Membership slide deck**



**EASEE-connect explainer video**



**EASEE-gas icons representing its membership segments**



**Events**

The COVID-19 pandemic which broke out at the beginning of 2020 imposed on us a virtual existence and all in-person meetings had to switch to a digital format.



**2020 Virtual General Meeting of Members (GMoM)**

The 2020 GMoM, initially planned to take place in March in Berlin, was held virtually on 26 March 2020. The GMoM resolutions were therefore voted for via written procedure.

The Executive Committee together with all Working Groups (WG) – Gas Quality Harmonisation WG, Message and Workflow Design WG, Technology Standards WG and Business Process WG - provided a comprehensive overview of the work done in 2019 and their plans for the future. For the Executive Committee and the Business Process WG this was the last reporting as the two groups would be deactivated as a result of restructuring.

The slides, different documents and the recording link for the webinar are available for members on the reserved area of the website in the GMoM section.



## **Extraordinary General Meeting of Members**

An additional virtual GMoM was organised on 9 June 2020 with the sole objective being to vote on the two candidates which were up for election for the Board of Directors. Michael Sostmann from Open Grid Europe representing the Transport System Operator segment and Alexey Krugovets from Gazprom Export LLC representing the Trader & Shipper segment were both elected as new members of the board for a mandate of three years.

## **EASEE-gas webinar for members**

On 4 November 2020, EASEE-gas organised a webinar to update members on the progress made in the implementation of the new structure, the activities performed during the year and the strategic plan for the future. Four new company members – Amber Grid, EuRoPol Gaz, Sev.en Commodities and the FGSZ capacity platform - were welcomed as new members. Board members also highlighted EASEE-gas' efforts to become more visible on the EU arena and its involvement in the European Clean Hydrogen Alliance. The more than 50 participants that tuned in could also hear the main conclusions of the European Gas Regulatory Forum (also known as the Madrid Forum) which took place on 14-15 October and was attended by Luis Ignacio Parada (Enagás) and Peter Meeuwis (GasTerra).

## **Joint ENTSOG and EASEE-gas Workshop on Data Exchange**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> online Workshop organised jointly by ENTSOG and EASEE-gas on the topic “Data Communication Harmonisation for Gas Transmission” took place on 1 December 2020 and registered a record number of participants. About 100 people took part in the all-day event which covered topics ranging from the legal background for Harmonised Data Exchange (EU Regulation 2015/703) to the AS4 protocol and implementation case studies, CEF eDelivery and the FUNC issue on “Missing harmonisation of interfaces on Booking Platforms”. The EASEE-gas chair of the Technology Standards WG presented the EASEE-gas Migration of Certificates project and explained the need to kick-off the project much sooner than foreseen. EASEE-connect and its functionalities were also presented. Experts from the EASEE-gas Message and Workflow Design WG gave a very comprehensive presentation on the practical use of the Edig@s format for several information exchange processes.

The presentation is available for download on the EASEE-gas website [here](#).

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