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Climate-neutrality: renewable gases as a prerequisite

“The climate-neutrality objective provides certainty on the direction we are heading in for 2050 but lacks clarity on the steps in between and the solutions to be developed for achieving it”, said Ralf Wezel, Secretary General of both EUGINE and EUTurbines, when commenting the European Commission’s proposal for a European Climate Law, on behalf of the European gas power plant industry.

“Gas power plants decisively contribute to this objective as shown by recent data on evolutions in the European power sector in 2019: gas-based power generation increased by 12% last year and at the same time CO₂ emissions were strongly reduced. Gas plants lead to fast CO₂ emission reductions when replacing coal plants – which is important, as greenhouse gases accumulate and require fast remedies. Furthermore, they can be used later on with renewable gases – making them climate-neutral. EU decision-makers should acknowledge this aspect when discussing the Just Transition Mechanism or the Taxonomy of sustainable economic activities.”

“Once predictability on the final objective is achieved, we urgently need to discuss how to get there: renewable gases – from biogas to renewable hydrogen – are a prerequisite for achieving climate-neutrality while ensuring security of heat & power supply at lowest cost. The strategy for smart sector integration should, therefore, pave the way for renewable gases and gas power plants providing dispatchable renewable energy.”

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

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