



The Gas Turbine Industry Commitments to drive Europe's transition to a decarbonised energy mix

Brussels, 23 January 2019: Members of EUTurbines, the voice of Europe's gas and steam turbine industry, today published a set of ambitious commitments to drive the transition of gas power generation to renewable gas, in line with the EU's 2050 goal of a climate neutral economy.

The gas turbine industry presented its commitments to drive the transition to renewable-gas power generation during a public event this afternoon.

"Gas turbines play an important role in the energy mix as they deliver dispatchable, reliable and efficient power and heat, regardless of weather conditions," said Michael Ladwig, EUTurbines President. "However, their important contribution to a well-functioning energy system with an increasing share of variable renewables will only be accepted in the future if it is accompanied by the use of carbon-neutral fuels. Our commitments presented today help ensure that tomorrow's turbines will be fit for this purpose."

There are six commitments in total, grouped under three main time slots – today, by 2020, and by 2030. Together they set down markers for the delivery of technologies that can operate with high shares of renewable gas – such as hydrogen, biomethane or synthetic methane – and encompass retrofitting of existing power plants. With this effort, the gas turbine industry is committed to support the transformation of the European gas grid into a renewable-based system by overcoming technical challenges and ensuring that this transformation takes place swiftly.

Yet EUTurbines members cannot do this alone. As well as presenting the Commitments, today's event was the stage for a passionate call to action from the industry to decision-makers in Brussels and across Europe.

"Energy market players across the value chain are taking the lead and driving the transition to a decarbonised energy mix – but without policy support, Europe will only be driving in a low gear," continued Mr Ladwig. "To accelerate the process and fully exploit Europe's potential, we require appropriate support from policy-makers to enable a smooth transition to a reliable, cost-efficient, decarbonised and renewable-based energy system."

The five key policy asks presented today by EUTurbines include recognising the value of reliable and efficient power and heat generation for Europe's society and economy; accelerating the transition to a renewable-gas grid; adopting a technology-neutral approach when selecting power generation technologies; encouraging and rewarding flexible dispatchable generation in electricity markets; and supporting the transformation of the energy system via adequate R&I funding for the turbine industry.

Anyone interested in finding out more about our progress can visit our dedicated website www.powertheeu.eu, where you can also download the full version of the Commitments.

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About EUTurbines

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