



EU Taxonomy – gas power is key for the transition

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Today, the European Commission took the next step in the development of an EU Taxonomy for sustainable activities with the publication of climate-related criteria and thresholds for the evaluation of certain economic activities.

EUTurbines welcomes that, after intensive discussions, the European Commission has recognised that the concept to evaluate gas power generation and cogeneration needs further considerations and requires a different approach.

The Commission's initial proposal did not sufficiently take into account the short-term contribution that gas power generation provides to stabilise and secure an energy system in transition. In the same way, earlier considerations did not recognise the capability of gas power plants to switch to climate-neutral gases like hydrogen or biomethane – whenever these become available in sufficient quantities.

"We do hope that legislators will now acknowledge the value of our technology and recognise this is not a "fossil" technology. We call on policy makers to support the transition to climate-neutrality and thus sustainability by ensuring that sufficient clean gases are available for operating the plants" says Ralf Wezel, Secretary General of EUTurbines.

"The process of defining the announced proposal for gas, nuclear and biomass will hopefully be more transparent and, in addition to better including Member States and Parliament, also foresee exchanges with industry, something that was clearly missing over the past months.", he concluded.

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EUTurbines advocates an economic and legislative environment for European turbine manufacturers to develop and grow R&I and manufacturing in Europe and promotes the role of turbine-based power generation in a sustainable, decarbonised European and global energy mix.

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