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Biomethane industry sets 1st of its kind European Network to facilitate tracking of renewable gas certificates

The REGATRACE EU project has launched a digital network to facilitate collaboration on tracking and exchange of renewable gas certificates and boost biomethane trading across Europe. EU leaders have committed to facilitate access to gas infrastructure and markets of renewable gases in the recently published Gas Package. The development of a European renewable gas market is essential to ensure that increasing shares of renewable gases are injected into our gas grids. This will support the decarbonisation of the gas sector in the path towards a climate-neutral Europe.

By providing certainty and information on where, when and how the renewable gas is produced, renewable gas certificates give confidence in the green gas sector, encourage gas producers to inject green gas into the grid and allow for biomethane producers to sell the gas to all EU member states.

The REGATRACE Network is connecting different organisations responsible for the documentation and cross-border tracking of renewable gases across Europe. **This will provide grounds for common understanding on green gas injection, leverage existing developments, enable discussion of new ideas or exchange of valuable information on the topic.** Within the network, partners will be able, for instance, to follow and discuss legislative developments on gas grid injection or updates concerning the certification and documentation of green gases.

This network has been developed in the framework of the REGATRACE EU project. It currently includes 13 organisations and institutions responsible for the documentation and tracking of renewable gas: Amber Grid, Association of Issuing Bodies (AIB), AGCS Gas Clearing & Settlement AG, European Biogas Association (EBA), Energigas, Energinet, European Renewable Gas Registry aisbl (ERGaR), Royal Netherlands Standardisation Institute (NEN), REDCert, Renewable Gas Assurance Limited (REAL), SPP Distribucia, Unia Producentów i Pracodawców Przemysłu Biogazowego (UPEBI), and Verband der Schweizerischen Gasindustrie (VSG).

“The biomethane sector is developing and becoming ever more relevant, especially in the times of the European Green Deal. In this sense, it is vital that the relevant stakeholders who are involved in the implementation of the European directives grow together. The REGATRACE Network is a great opportunity for this combined effort, and we are confident that many more organisations will join it.”, states Stefano Proietti, Project Coordinator of REGATRACE.

The REGATRACE Network is open to any organisations, institutions and authorities involved in the verification and documentation of renewable gases, as well as any associations representing producers, traders and/or consumers of renewable gas certificates. Organisations and institutions interested to join the REGATRACE Network can contact the coordinators of the Network via this email address: info@regatrace.eu.

“The REGATRACE project touches upon so many different aspects, areas, and countries, and mainly through reporting. The Network gives the project a human touch, in that partners can get together to share their experiences, questions and ideas in conversation. For me, this is a way to connect with one another and underline the aim of building a truly European approach to a growing market.”, explains Matthias Edel, Secretary General of ERGaR and member of the REGATRACE Network.

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About REGATRACE

REGATRACE (REnewable GAs TRAdE Centre in Europe) aims to create an efficient trade system based on issuing and trading biomethane/renewable gases certificates/Guarantees of Origin (GO) in Target and Supported countries.

Project consortium

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