



METHANE
GUIDING
PRINCIPLES

Methane Guiding Principles Supporting Organisation Reporting

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Principle One:
Continually reduce methane emissions

2020 completed activity	2021 intended activity
Not applicable (see Commentary at the end of the report)	Not applicable (see Commentary at the end of the report)

Principle Two:
Advance strong performance across the gas supply chain

2020 completed activity	2021 intended activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two training sessions on methane emissions, co-organised with GIE and Marcogaz, took place in 2020 (the training in June had 85 and the one in December 130 participants, out of which approximately 20% were from the Energy Community Contracting Parties). Gas industry of the Contracting Parties to the Energy Community have been regularly invited to relevant webinars – being organised by the European Commission, Marcogaz, GIE, IPIECA, EDF, FSR, OGCI, UN and Eurogas. Methane Guiding Principles Best Practice Guidelines were disseminated via e-mail and via the Internal Platform of gas distribution system operators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The trainings in co-operation with GIE and Marcogaz will continue, on a biannual basis. Invitations to webinars and dissemination of relevant materials, guidelines, reports will continue in 2021 as well. Organization of our own series of webinars, focused on particular topics – Leak Detection And Repair principles and techniques, monitoring and reporting framework, good practice in decreasing methane emissions.



Principle Three:

Improve accuracy of methane emissions data

2020 completed activity	2021 intended activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ECS launched an internal project with the aim to collect data on methane emissions by the gas companies of the Contracting Parties. The collection of data was based on a questionnaire, methodology and guidelines developed by Marcogaz for the EU gas industry. During 2020, documents were translated in local languages, approach and aim of the project was explained in bilateral meetings and calls, and companies completed the questionnaires (6 transmission system operators, 22 distribution system operators and 1 underground gas storage operator). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ECS will, based on the received data by the companies, develop an assessment of the current methane emissions, and propose a follow up. The report will be presented at different meetings (training, bilateral meetings) and discussed with different stakeholders – gas companies, most notably distribution, transmission and storage system operators, as well as production companies, national regulatory authorities and other relevant institutions in order to spread knowledge on the current status of methane emissions, reporting framework, and possible improvement with regards to the monitoring, reporting and reduction of emissions.

Principle Four:

Advocate sound policy and regulations on methane emissions

2020 completed activity	2021 intended activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ECS has cooperated with GIE, Marcogaz in organizing training and promoting policies on methane emissions. The ECS joined the Methane Guiding Principles as a Supporting Organisation in May 2020. The ECS participated in the public consultation on the EU Strategy on methane emissions. The companies along the entire gas chain in the Energy Community Contracting Parties have been invited to join the OGMP 2.0 Reporting Framework, which has resulted in three of them joining on 23 November 2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperation will be continued, strengthened and possibly being extended to other related organisations. OGMP 2.0 Reporting Framework will be promoted further to the gas companies in the Energy Community Contracting Parties, and certain elements will be taken into the ECS assessment, as a proposal for improvement in reporting.



Principle Five: Increase transparency

2020 completed activity	2021 intended activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Concrete data on methane emissions by gas industry in the Energy Community Contracting Parties has only started to be collected, thus has not yet contributed to the external reports or methodologies in 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The ECS report, when finalized, will be published (respecting confidentiality of sensitive information) and when appropriate, shared with other organizations to contribute to their reports and data base.

Commentary:

The Energy Community Secretariatⁱ is an international organisation established under the Energy Community Treaty. It does not possess nor operate any gas facilities thus not dealing with methane emissions directly. The Secretariat monitors and supports the Contracting Parties to the Energy Community Treaty, including their gas undertakings and national regulatory authorities, in implementation of the relevant EU energy acquis.

ⁱ <https://www.energy-community.org>