



METHANE  
GUIDING  
PRINCIPLES

# Methane Guiding Principles Signatory

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## Principle One:

### Continually reduce methane emissions.

- Please state what specific activities or projects your company has undertaken to reduce methane emissions. Please refer to the previous year’s annual MGP reporting where applicable to refer to intended activity. Link to sustainability report where relevant to provide further detail.
- Describe how the reduction was achieved including description of the asset type, technology type, timeframe. What was the end result?
- Provide data to support your description e.g., the actual amount of emissions reduction achieved, or the reduction in methane intensity.

2023 Completed Activity	2024 Intended Activity
<p>Not applicable</p> <p>The Energy Community Secretariat (ECS)<sup>1</sup> is an international organization 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.</p>	

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.energy-community.org>

## Principle Two:

### Advance strong performance across the gas supply chain

Please include answers to the following questions:

1. Did you participate in any methane research or plan to do so?
2. Did you conduct any outreach on methane management?
  - Describe what action you have taken to engage industry players across the value chain to better understand how to achieve robust methane emissions management. Outreach activity could include training sessions, participation in webinars, influencing of NOJV partners, or publication of guidance. Activity could also include commercial incentives or engagement with investors to drive better performance by others.
  - Provide details of any outcomes that resulted from your action.

2023 Completed Activity	2024 Intended Activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinar series – <b>Methane Mondays</b> – continues for the third year. Seven webinars were organized in 2023 moving the focus from the monitoring and reporting and infrastructure operators to experience of production companies and support to emissions mitigation projects. The level of participation is still at 40 participants in average (down from 72 in 2022), mainly from the EU MS and the Energy Community Contracting Parties, but also from Turkey, North Africa, Japan and the US.</li> <li>• The importance of methane emissions has been elaborated at <b>different events of the Energy Community</b> (Gas Forum, Oil Forum, Coordination Platform for gas Distribution System Operators)</li> <li>• The ECS has opened discussion in regards the methane emissions with <b>the oil &amp; gas industry in Albania</b> (one of 3 Contracting Parties with production sector)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Methane Mondays</b> will continue in 2024, due to still existing interest and considering the EU Regulation on methane emissions agreed in November 2023 and expected to be adopted for the EU in H1 2024. The scope of webinars might be extended to the oil and coal industry.</li> <li>• The <b>relevant initiatives and studies</b> – being launched by the European Commission, Marcogaz, GIE, IPIECA, EDF, FSR, OGI, UNECE, Eurogas and others - will be promoted, as during the previous years, to raise the awareness and knowledge of the oil &amp; gas industry of the Energy Community Contracting Parties</li> <li>• The discussion with the <b>oil and gas industry</b> of Albania will be continued, and plan is to reach production industry in Ukraine and possibly in Serbia.</li> <li>• The topic of methane emissions will be promoted at <b>all relevant Energy Community events</b>.</li> </ul>

## Principle Three:

### Improve accuracy of methane emissions data.

- Describe action taken to improve methane emissions data collection methodologies. This could be application of new technology at an operated site(s), investment and participation in R&D initiatives, development of monitoring/modelling software, or support to research that improves the accuracy of the quantification of methane emissions.
- Where new technology /software has been piloted or adopted, it is helpful to describe how it works, the reasons it was selected, and how it was deployed. Any data that can be shared to demonstrate improvements is useful.
- How these new methods/technologies have been adopted into your accounting process if at all.

2023 Completed Activity	2024 Intended Activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The gas companies continued to assess own methane emissions using OGMP 2.0 methodology, the ECS provided explanations when needed. The report for the Energy Community has not been completed in 2023.</li> <li>• OGMP 2.0, IMEO and MIST have been promoted during the Gas and Oil Forums, as well in the bilateral meetings with policy makers and industry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2024 Plan stays the same as for the previous years: To continue to collect and report the methane emissions data by the gas industry using the OGMP 2.0 template, with further efforts to reach missing gas DSOs and the oil industry of the Contracting Parties.</li> <li>• The ECS will continue to promote OGMP reporting framework and IMEO, and other available tools such as MIST, in order to get more companies moving towards proper measurement and reduction of methane emissions</li> </ul>

## Principle Four:

### Advocate sound policy and regulations on methane emissions

Advocacy consists of active participation in legal consultation processes, external policy statements, and direct engagement with government.

- Consider providing details on the region or regulation involved, how you undertook your advocacy, others involved, and the outcome.

2023 Completed Activity	2024 Intended Activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication with relevant institutions (regulators, responsible ministries and agencies, gas and oil industry) continued on the level of the Energy Community and the Contracting Parties level, to elaborate importance and different aspects of methane emissions by the energy industry, to have a good basis when national policies, such as national energy and climate plans, being developed (having in mind that most of the Contracting Parties signed the Global Methane Pledge).</li> <li>• From that aspect, the ECS held separate meetings with relevant ministries (responsible for energy and environment) of the seven Contracting Parties (out of 9, but 2 do not have any oil and gas industry), promoting MGP Policy Toolkit and other relevant initiatives, building capacity and sharing the knowledge on available tools for methane emissions reduction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication with relevant institutions (regulators, responsible ministries and agencies, gas and oil industry) will continue on the level of the Energy Community and the Contracting Parties level, especially those not finalized national energy and climate plans yet.</li> <li>• Following the Decarbonization Roadmap of the Energy Community, the ECS proposed to the European Commission, in line with the EnC procedure, adaptation of the EU Regulation on mitigation methane emissions by the energy industry for the Energy Community, immediately upon adoption for the EU, i.e. still at the Ministerial Council in 2024</li> </ul>

## Principle Five: Increase transparency

Please include answers to the following question:

1. Are you participating in OGMP 2.0, or do you intend to do so? If you are participating in OGMP 2.0 you may provide a link to the website.
  - Describe what activity you have carried out e.g., providing information in relevant external reports on methane emissions data, methodologies, and progress and challenges in methane emissions management.
  - If you have contributed towards the standardization of comparable external methane reporting describe the activity, you have taken.

2023 Completed Activity	2024 Intended Activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Energy Community Secretariat does not possess nor operate any oil and gas facilities, acting as an institution under an international treaty (see page 2 / Principle 1). But based on its activities related to methane emissions, several gas companies from the Contracting Parties joined voluntarily OGMP 2.0 and follow the obligations under this framework.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ECS will continue to promote the OGMP 2.0 reporting framework among the Contracting Parties– to move from Tiers 1 and 2 (which are mostly in place) towards higher Tiers.</li> <li>• The ECS will continue to collect data by the gas industry and work on the overview for the Contracting Parties</li> </ul>



## Methane Emissions

<p>Do you report absolute methane emissions within your sustainability report?</p> <p><i>If so, provide link.</i></p>	
<p>Do you report a methane intensity within your sustainability report?</p> <p><i>If so, provide link.</i></p>	
<p>What is your organization's total absolute methane emissions?</p> <p>Provide a figure in tons.</p> <p>Provide latest data publicly available.</p>	
<p>State your methodology.</p>	
<p>State your reporting boundary.</p>	
<p>What are your organization's methane intensity?</p> <p>Provide latest data publicly available.</p>	
<p>State your methodology.</p>	
<p>State your reporting boundary.</p>	
<p>Do you have a methane emission target?</p> <p>If yes, please state what it is, including the boundaries and methodology.</p> <p>If no, are you developing such a target? Please state your intended timeline.</p>	

**Non applicable for the Energy Community**