

Gas Infrastructure Europe (GIE)

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Dear ESSF Plenary,

Mr. [REDACTED], Vice-President of GLE (Gas LNG Europe) and head of the Small Scale LNG Working Group, hereby applies for Observer status to European Sustainable Shipping Forum on behalf of GIE (Gas Infrastructure Europe).

GIE is an association representing, amongst others, the interests of the European LNG terminal operators. GIE members represent 90% of the European regasification capacity and are very much interested in supporting the development of small-scale LNG. Moreover, GIE strongly supports the use of LNG as a fuel for shipping or heavy-duty vehicles in order to foster sustainable maritime transport and to improve the environmental footprint of the transport sector.

In recent years, Mr. [REDACTED] developed small-scale LNG services for Fluxys Belgium, who owns and operates the LNG regasification terminal of Zeebrugge in Belgium. His particular areas of interest and expertise are LNG as a marine fuel and the role of gas infrastructure companies in supporting small-scale LNG usages (incl. LNG as a fuel for marine & inland shipping).

In special cases when Mr. [REDACTED] cannot attend the ESSF Plenary, Mr. [REDACTED] will take his place. Mr. [REDACTED] is active within GLE's small-scale LNG Working Group and is a specialist in long-term LNG regasification contracts, spot loading and unloading of ships, and the loading of LNG trucks.

Hereby applying for Observer status within ESSF Plenary, GIE endorses and supports the objectives and scope of ESSF in accordance to the Commission Decision on setting-up the group of experts on maritime transport sustainability – The European Sustainable Shipping Forum (ESSF) [C(2013)5984].

Therefore, please find enclosed the resume of Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] for the ESSF Plenary.

GIE is very much looking forward that its application will be submitted for approval to the ESSF Plenary.

Best regards,

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Vice-president of GLE and
Head of the Small Scale
LNG Working Group

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