Meeting between Director-General Juul Jørgensen and GIE
Date: 18 December 2019, 12:00-12:30 CET

Participants GIE:
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Key points:
- This was an introductory meeting, in which GIE representative presented themselves and their association. GIE is a lobbying association which represents 70 member companies from 26 countries, encompassing operators of gas infrastructures across Europe: transmission pipelines, storage facilities and LNG terminals.

- GIE acknowledges that its members are in different development phases with regards embracing the green gases implementation. They are using their platform to speed up the knowledge sharing on the green gases development and uptake in the system between their members.

- They strongly believe that green gas is the future [by 2050 only green gases to be available to the European markets]. They see gas as a key player for the green transition, acting as a substitute to dirtier fuels and offering the needed flexibility for the electricity sector.

- GIE highlighted that sector integration is very important and that a closer collaboration [e.g. in the infrastructure planning] between the electricity and gas sector at the national and at the European level [e.g. ENTSOs – TYNDPs] is necessary.

- They also insisted on the necessity of having clear legislative support for the technologies like power to gas and hydrogen. In their view, CEP did not reflect the gas sector future legislative needs. They are looking for the Commissions guidance and they are open to providing input, with their knowledge, to be considered in the context of possible future Commission legislative proposals.

- They are active participants in the Madrid Forum. They intend for the next Forum to prepare three papers covering recommendations on: gas storage and its role in supporting the flexibility in the electricity sector, the methane emission reduction along the value chain and one paper on the gas guarantee of origin and what is needed to have proper implementation at MSs level.

- Their next GIE annual conference is scheduled for 17-18 Sept 2020.

- Key message of GIE are summed up in the below [GIE] graph.
Source: GIE presentation.