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**Subject:** Release of GD4S Sustainability Charter 'Decarbonising the gas grid as a key

enabler for a climate neutral society'

Attachments: GD4S Sustainability Charter\_Executive Summary\_February 2022 .pdf



## Dear Commissioner,

As the Association representing the leading gas Distribution System Operators (DSOs) in **France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Romania** and **Spain**, Gas Distributors for Sustainability (GD4S) is committed to the decarbonisation of the economy and to promoting the potential of renewable gas and gas grids. Together, we are committed to improving the sustainability of our business operations, focused on a shared drive towards a reliable, safe, and sustainable future gas network. As a group, we are united in contributing to the European objective of carbon neutrality by 2050.

On February 18<sup>th</sup> 2022, GD4S releases its first **'Sustainability Charter'** (<u>link</u>), clearly defining the Association's collective approach to sustainability. Written jointly by our seven member DSOs, the Charter highlights our commitments across the three sustainability pillars of Environmental, Social and Governance, all of which are aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).). The Charter will be formally presented on March 15, 2022, during a dedicated online event with Diederik Samsom, head of cabinet of Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans as special guest.

In presenting our commitments, all of which will be monitored and measured against scheduled reporting principles, we are establishing our sustainability ambition. Our intention is to reflect upon our role in energy transition and focus on the areas where we can apply the most direct influence. As Distribution System Operators (DSOs), we are eager to work with the various stakeholders to achieve this. We recognise our responsibility to act and leverage GD4S in a collaborative way to nurture positive change and we hope to inspire other organisations, to step towards a more comprehensive and inclusive sustainability model.

It is our collective hope that the GD4S Sustainability Charter will enhance your understanding of our sustainability ambition. The representatives of the association would welcome an opportunity to meet with you, to further outline these commitments, at a time convenient to you.

In the interim, please feel free to contact us for any additional information you may need about the Sustainability Charter and our Association.

Yours respectfully,

Narcis de Carreras













