

Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete
for Climate Action & Energy
European Commission

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Invitation to speak at the Eurogas Annual Conference 2016
Gas innovation: gateway to a sustainable future

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The Hotel, Brussels

Dear Commissioner,

The last decade has witnessed considerable advances in technology throughout the gas value chain, from seismic imaging to new appliances in heating, as well as hybrid systems with gas in transport, to name a few. A decade ago, many of these technologies would have been inconceivable. Today they are the “new normal”. Technology and innovation in the gas industry becomes even more important in the paradigm shift towards the development of a low-carbon energy world.

This year’s annual conference entitled *Gas innovation: gateway to a sustainable future*, will address how gas can help transform the energy system to be low-carbon, efficient, renewable as well as flexible, customer-orientated and competitive. Throughout the day we will look at innovative projects along the entire gas value chain, including production, appliances and customer power.

We would like to invite you to be a panellist at this Eurogas Annual Conference. We believe your presence would highly contribute to the success of the event.

The Eurogas Annual Conference is a flagship event in the association’s calendar. Each year, it attracts around 100-150 participants from EU institutions, industry, think tanks and NGOs to discuss the EU energy priorities.

I attach the first draft of the programme. All speakers are in the process of being invited.

I would be grateful to receive your reply **by Tuesday, 26 July 2016**.

Best regards,



Beate Raabe
Secretary General