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responsive
environmentally sound
efficient
reliable
flexible energy

1. Introducing EUGINE
2. Our contribution to the EU energy system
3. Transitioning towards climate-neutrality
4. The EU strategies on energy system integration & hydrogen
5. The EU Taxonomy of sustainable economic activities
6. Discussion & take-aways

Introducing EUGINE

Representing manufacturers of engine power plants

ABB
CATERPILLAR



JENBACHER
INNO

LIEBHERR


MAN Energy Solutions

 **Rolls-Royce**
Rolls-Royce Power Systems AG


WÄRTSILÄ



Emergency back-up



Dispatchable
renewable energy



Flexibility



Cogeneration in
industry & buildings



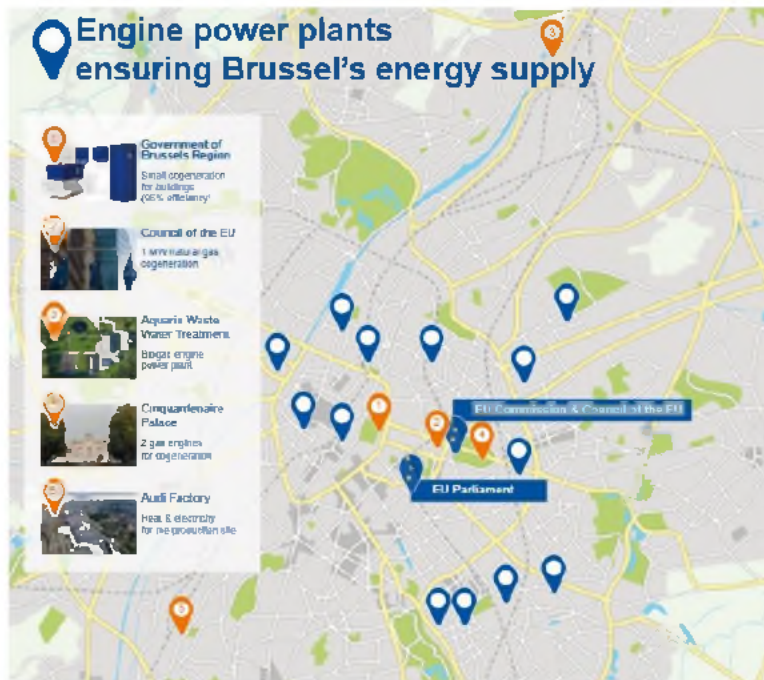
Cogeneration for
flexible district heating

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Introducing EUGINE

A technology everywhere in in Europe

Everywhere, also in Brussels, ...



... and in all sizes



EIB funded CHP plant - Kiel (DE)

- 20 gas engines
- 190 MWel & 192 MWth
- 92% energy efficiency
- Heat storage

2. Our contribution to the EU energy system

- 2.1. Energy efficiency
- 2.2. Renewable energy
- 2.3. Security of supply

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Energy efficiency at its best

Cogeneration with gas engines

Energy Efficiency First - a principle also for the supply side!



Generating both electricity & heat/cold



Up to ~95% energy efficiency



From micro-CHP to district heating



Less primary energy needed



Source: EnBW

Cogeneration is supported
by articles 14 & 15 of the
Energy Efficiency Directive

Cogeneration gas engines contribute to the **EU energy efficiency target**

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Providing renewable energy

The technology behind biogas plants

The Facts

- 18 000 biogas plants across Europe
- Current biogas production: ~ 170 TWh/year
- Biogas is converted by gas engines:
 - Total electric capacity: 11 GW
 - Total electricity generated: 65 TWh/year

Source: Gas for Climate study



Source: Liebherr



Dispatchable renewable energy



Large biomethane potential

Biogas engines contribute to the EU renewable energy target

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Flexibility and reliability for the energy system

From short to long term flexibility – whatever the system needs

Gas Engine Power Plants - the universal flexibility solution for a system dominated by variable wind and PV



Available within minutes



Starts & stops several times per day



Can deliver over long periods



No increased maintenance costs



Source: AS Merko Ehitus, Wärtsilä

Dispatchable - Flexible - Affordable! Contributing to the security of supply

3. Transitioning towards climate-neutrality

3.1. A two-step approach

3.2. Switching to renewable and low-carbon gases / fuels

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Immediately



Replacing coal plants
by gas engine plants

- Quick reduction of emissions: approx. -50% CO₂ emissions
- Paving the way for more variable renewables
- No carbon lock-in

As fast as possible



Switching gas plants
to renewable gases:

- Use of existing infrastructure
- Retrofitting possible
- Dispatchable renewable energy
- Future proof technologies, ready for the climate-neutrality



GHG accumulate in the atmosphere !!!

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Renewable gas ready



Biomethane and
synthetic methane

Already today fully compatible



Hydrogen



Hydrogen-based
(liquid) fuels

for areas without gas grid

Today: **>20% hydrogen** for most new engines

By 2025: many models **100% hydrogen-ready**

New engines will be **retrofittable**

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4.The EU strategies on energy system integration & hydrogen

4.1. How we see energy system integration

4.2. The necessary framework

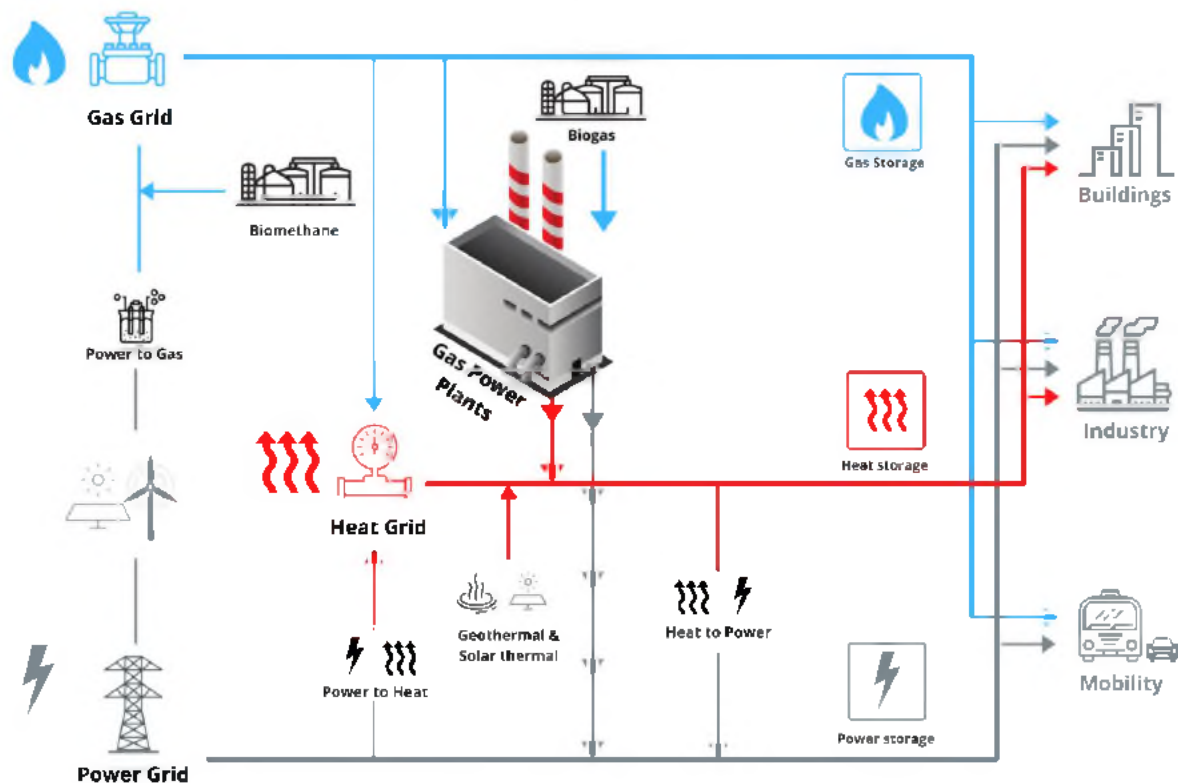
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How we see energy system integration

Offering sectors all options for decarbonisation



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- 1 Acknowledging the role of clean gas power generation
 - Technology-open approach on the use of renewable and decarbonised gases in various technologies and sectors
- 2 Making renewable and decarbonised gases available & cost-competitive
 - A target for renewable and decarbonised gases
 - A reliable system for “guarantees of origin”
 - A support scheme to encourage investments in the transformation of the gas network and in the use of renewable & decarbonised gases
- 3 Ensuring a predictable & reliable blending of renewable gas in gas grid
 - A detailed and binding roadmap to provide predictability
 - Involvement of manufacturers of technologies connected to the gas grid
 - Flawless digitalised communication in the gas network

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5.The EU Taxonomy of sustainable economic activities

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Taxonomy Regulation

- Excludes SOLID fossil fuels
- Foresees “transition activities”



Technical Expert Group Report on Screening Criteria

- Tries to exclude not only solid but also gaseous fuels in power generation without CCS
- Does not recognise the growing decarbonisation of gases and switch over time
- Looks only at activity itself, but not the benefits for a sustainable system
- Hand-selects technologies for “manufacturing of low carbon technologies”



Developing the delegated acts

- Stakeholder platform will be established too late for energy-related activities
- Proposal for recognising gas power generation as “Transition activity”

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Need for transition activities for power/ cogeneration with gas

- Dispatchable flexible generation is needed for integrating more renewables
- Availability of hydrogen defines capability to stay below 100gCO₂e/ kWh
- Technology is future-proof



Power generation with gas as “transition activity”

- Allow annual maximum amount (matching the 100gCO₂e/ kWh) of emissions in addition to limit per kWh
- Require hydrogen-readiness to avoid carbon lock-in



Cogeneration with gas as “transition activity”

- Connect to existing efficiency requirements in the EED – but require 20%
- Require hydrogen-readiness to avoid carbon lock-in



Manufacturing of low carbon technologies

- All technologies for “own performance” and “transition” activities should be included

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5 Key Take-aways & Requests

- 1 We add reliability and flexibility to wind and PV!

Our request Recognise the value of clean dispatchable gas power in EU strategies (eg energy system integration) and “technology assumptions”
- 2 Our technology runs on hydrogen and other green fuels!

Our request “Renewable gas - ready” gas plants should be eligible for all EU funding programmes (eg Just Transition Mechanism)
- 3 Investing in gas plants does not cause carbon lock-in!

Our request Support gas power generation to be included as transitional activity in the sustainable taxonomy delegated acts
- 4 Cogeneration gas plants help to decarbonise the heating sector!

Our request Recognise the role of gas plants / district heating in the energy system integration strategy
- 5 Greening gas power generation needs hydrogen!

Our request Integrate EUGINE in European Clean Hydrogen Alliance, Clean Hydrogen for Europe Partnership and similar initiatives



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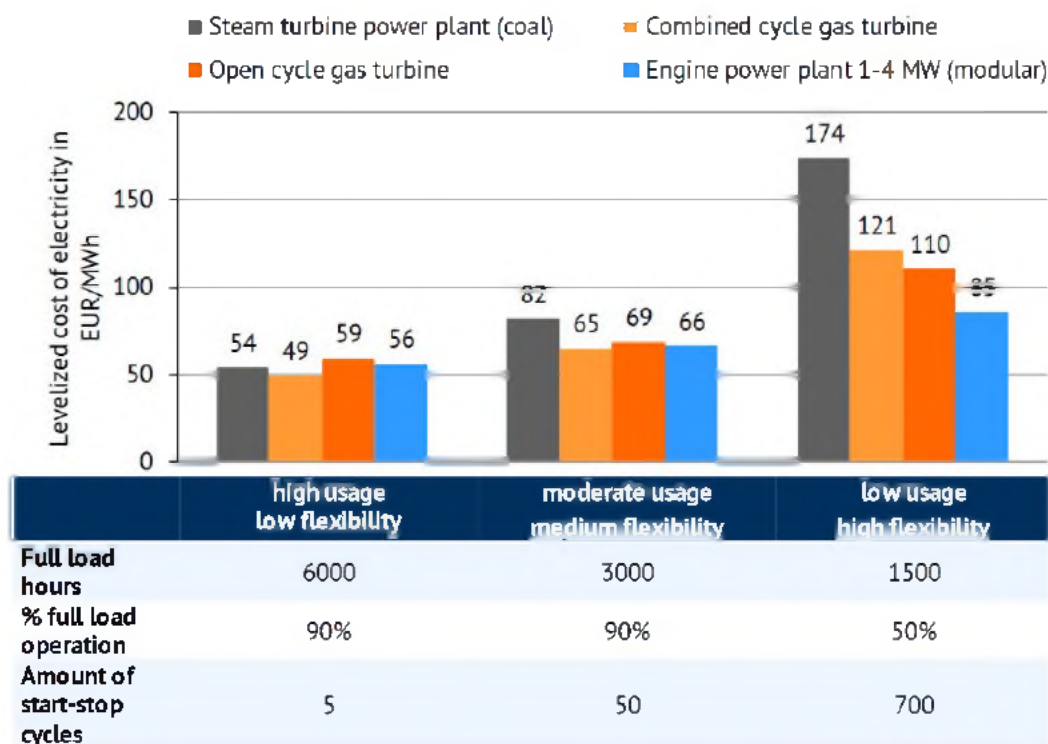
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Flexibility and reliability for the energy system

The cost-efficient partner of variable RES (wind & solar)



Source: Energy Brainpool

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A technology-open approach



Power generation with gas

- 100g CO₂e/ kWh
= 876 kg CO₂e / year
- Avoiding carbon lock-in:
 - Today: 20% H₂
 - By 2030: May be retrofitted for 100% H₂

Cogeneration with gas

- “high efficiency cogeneration”: primary energy savings >20%
- Avoiding carbon lock-in: today: 20% H₂, by 2030 may be retrofitted for 100% H₂

Manufacturing

- To be based on technologies recognised for “own performance” or “transition”

2. Our contribution to the EU energy system

2.1. Energy efficiency: the German coal-to-gas transition



Quick coal-to-gas switch with gas engines in Germany

- Kiel: ~ 200 MW – inaugurated in January 2020
- Chemnitz: ~ 150 MW
- Mainz: ~ 100 MW
- Bremen: ~ 90 MW
- Dresden: ~ 90 MW
- Cottbus: ~ 50 MW
- Frankfurt (Oder): ~ 50 MW
- Saarbrücken: ~ 50 MW
- Stuttgart : ~ 30 MW – inaugurated in 2019

Cogeneration gas engines to decarbonise energy, in Germany, but not only...