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The European Biogas Association appoints Harmen Dekker as new Director to reinforce the activities of the organisation in Brussels

Harmen Dekker is taking up his position on 1st April and will be co-responsible for executing the strategy of the association in the coming years. With an unrelenting commitment to carbon-neutrality in Europe, the EBA is growing and becoming an essential stakeholder in the path towards decarbonisation. Biogas, biomethane and other renewable gases have a key role to play in helping Europe's transition towards a clean energy system with a genuinely resource-efficient and circular economy.

As an Advisory Board member, Harmen Dekker was already providing the EBA with essential guidance on policy questions. *“Biogas has a significant potential to reduce emissions but has also multiple socio-economic and environmental benefits. It can already be easily implemented on a wide scale as of today. I am very excited about the opportunity to contribute as Director of the EBA to the further deployment of renewable gases in these crucial times for Europe”.*

The new measures proposed by the European Commission represent an opportunity for the anaerobic digestion sector – a tried and tested technology - to shift up a gear and emphasize the invaluable environmental and societal benefits it has to offer, such as organic waste recycling into bio-fertilisers, renewable energy or decarbonization.

Harmen has worked for almost 15 years in the sustainability sector and is devoted to the mitigation of climate change. He has built his career in the water and gas sector, where he has held different managerial positions. He joins the EBA after 5 years of service at DMT Environmental Technology. As Business Development Manager, he worked on the expansion of the biogas sector into new markets. During those years, he also focused on the implementation of new techniques for valorising biogas, such as bio-LNG. These responsibilities included the analysis of future opportunities to produce bio-Methanol and bioplastics.

Susanna Pflüger, Secretary General of the EBA, warmly welcomes Harmen on board the association's management team. He will play a pivotal role in *“strengthening the presence of renewable gases in Brussels in these crucial times, when the policies for the next decade are being drafted and put forward by the European Commission. He was already actively contributing to EBA's activities as a member when representing DMT Environmental Technology. Now, we look forward to continued collaboration and an ever stronger EBA.”* According to Harm Grobrügge, President of the EBA, this appointment will be also crucial to *“boost the further expansion of the EBA in Europe and reinforce the role of the association as a key EU stakeholder.”*

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About EBA: The [European Biogas Association](http://europeanbiogas.eu) is the voice of renewable gas in Europe since 2009. EBA advocates the recognition of biomethane and other renewable gases as sustainable, on demand and flexible energy sources that provide multiple knock-on socio-economic and environmental benefits. Supported by its members, EBA is committed to work with European institutions, industry, agricultural partners, NGOs and academia to develop policies which can enable the large-scale deployment of renewable gases and organic fertilisers throughout Europe, supported by transparent, well-established sustainability certification bodies to ensure that sustainability remains at the core of the industry. The association counts today on a well-established network of over 100 national organisations, scientific institutes and companies from Europe and beyond.