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EBA appoints new group of experts to accelerate renewable gas deployment in Europe in the coming years in the framework of the EU Green Deal

The appointed [Company Advisory Board](#) (CAB) includes 8 experts with an extensive career within the gas and renewable has sector. During their 3-year mandate (2020-2023) they will play a pivotal role in advising the best ways to reach the forecasted potential for biogas and biomethane in the coming years: 39 bcm of natural gas equivalent by 2030 and 120 bcm by 2050. They will also work on strengthening the visibility of the sector as a sustainable and cost-competitive alternative for decarbonisation and steer the political positioning of the EBA.

The EBA conference held earlier this month confirmed the huge potential of the sector in the realisation of the EU Green Deal. This is one of the current core strategies of the EU Executive aimed at achieving the ambitious reduction target of 55% by 2030 and reaching climate neutrality by 2050. The production of biogas and biomethane can be used to replace fossil fuels and reduce GHG emissions released by many sectors, including transport, buildings or energy-intensive industries. It can also help reduce organic waste in cities and develop a sustainable model of agriculture in local areas, in line with the principles of an efficient circular economy.

The EBA has been growing rapidly in the past year and has strengthened its position as a key stakeholder in the discussions to decarbonise the EU economy. The association is now representing the interests of 38 national associations across Europe and 90 companies and research institutes operating in EU territories. EBA represents directly and indirectly over 7,000 stakeholders in Europe.

The Company Advisory Board (CAB) is an official body to the EBA and is comprised of voluntary members representing the company members within the EBA. The overarching objective of the CAB is to provide strategic political advice to the secretariat and the executive board to steer the political advocacy and policy priorities. 3 members of the CAB will officially represent this body at the EBA Executive Board.

- **Elected Company Advisory Board of the EBA (2020-2030):** Olivier Aubert, SWEN Capital; Olivier Guerrini, TOTAL; Marta Kamola-Martines, ENGIE; Gabor Sonkoly, Landwärme; Marco Mazzero, IES Biogas; Coen Meijers, DMT; Michael Niederbacher, TerraX; Jonas Svendsen, Nature Energy.
- **Representatives of the CAB at the EBA Executive Board:** Michael Niederbacher, Gabor Sonkoly and Coen Meijers.
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About EBA: The [European Biogas Association](#) 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.

