

ACER webinar: Decarbonisation of the EU's natural gas market

Thursday 24 September 2026 | 10:00 - 11:00 CEST

Online, MS Teams platform

AGENDA

Indicative time	Webinar items	
09:45 - 10:00	Webinar open for log-in	Starts promptly at 10:00
10:00 - 10:05	Introductory remarks Bart VEREECKE, ACER	
10:05 - 10:15	Presentation: Decarbonising the EU's natural gas market Ricardo FERNANDEZ, ACER David SILVA, ACER	
10:15 - 10:35	Panel discussion - Gas decarbonisation: Solving the energy trilemma? Moderator: Joaquin GARCIA, ACER Panellists: • Giusi SQUICCIARINI, Energy Traders Europe • Georg ZACHMANN, Bruegel/HZB • Maria OLCZAK, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies	
10:35 - 10:55	Q&A	
10:55 - 11:00	Closing remarks Bart VEREECKE, ACER	

Webinar objective

ACER will present the key highlights and conclusions of the [first report on the decarbonisation of the EU's natural gas market](#), which was published on 23 June 2026.

This ACER report examines the key challenges, trade-offs and policy dilemmas linked to decarbonising the EU's natural gas market. The report is structured around four dilemmas to explore how the EU can balance gas decarbonisation with the three pillars of EU energy policy, namely sustainability, security of supply and industrial competitiveness and affordability.

During this webinar, ACER will:

- present the main findings of the report;
- assess the role of biomethane and methane-emissions reduction;
- examine gas-electricity interactions during the energy transition;
- look at the decarbonisation of industry; and
- show why a balanced portfolio of technologies and policy measures is needed to support the EU's energy transition

The webinar aims to facilitate an open discussion on the challenges and benefits of decarbonising the natural gas market while ensuring security of supply, keeping prices affordable and maintaining industrial competitiveness.

Recommended reading materials:

- [ACER's 2026 report on the decarbonisation of the EU's natural gas market](#).
- [ACER's 2026 report on key developments in European electricity and gas markets](#).