

**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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                          |
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| 09:45 - 10:00   | Webinar open for log-in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Starts promptly at 10:00 |
| 10:00 - 10:05   | <b>Introductory remarks</b><br>Bart VEREECKE, ACER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                          |
| 10:05 - 10:15   | <a href="#">Presentation: Decarbonising the EU's natural gas market</a><br>Ricardo FERNANDEZ, ACER<br>David SILVA, ACER                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                          |
| 10:15 - 10:35   | <a href="#">Panel discussion - Gas decarbonisation: Solving the energy trilemma?</a><br><b>Moderator:</b> Joaquin GARCIA, ACER<br><b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Giusi SQUICIARINI, Energy Traders Europe</li><li>• Georg ZACHMANN, Bruegel/HZB</li><li>• Maria OLCZAK, The Oxford Institute for Energy Studies</li></ul> |                          |
| 10:35 - 10:55   | <a href="#">Q&amp;A</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                          |
| 10:55 - 11:00   | <b>Closing remarks</b><br>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.

The report examines the key challenges, trade-offs and policy dilemmas linked to decarbonising the EU 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 the EU industry competitive.

Recommended reading materials:

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