

EUROGAS

The European Union of the Natural Gas Industry

Structure and Activities

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- 3. About Eurogas activities





1. About Eurogas structure and functioning



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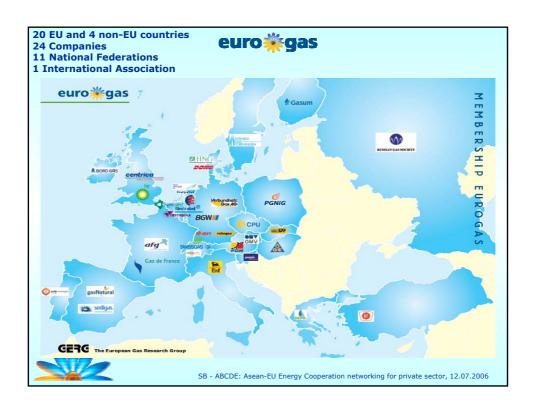
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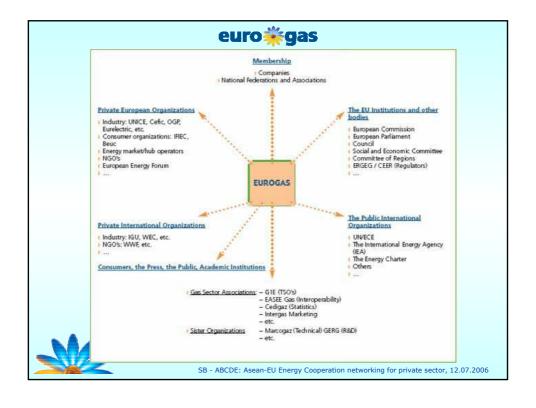
- Eurogas is a non profit association governed by the Belgian law
- Offices are located in Brussels

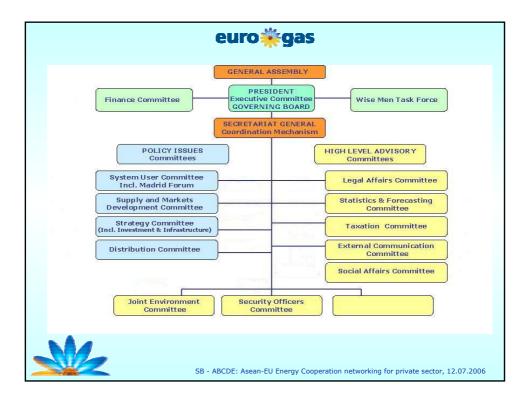
Objectives:

- To <u>promote the interests of its membership</u>, companies, national federations and associations involved in the <u>supply</u>, <u>trading</u> and <u>distribution</u> of natural gas, and related activities such as storage and LNG
- To promote the <u>development of natural gas in Europe</u> particularly in the legal, economic, technical and scientific areas to prepare studies and to promote cooperation within the gas industry
- 3. To promote the <u>smooth functioning of the European internal</u> <u>gas market</u>
- 4. To take stance on issues of interest to the European natural gas industry with respect to international and supra-national organizations including but not limited to the European Institutions and to public opinion









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Eurogas Secretariat

- Secretary General: Mr. Jean-Marie Devos, in charge of the general management and strategic policy of the organization and of its membership
- **Deputy Secretary General**: *Ms. Margot Loudon*, in charge of regulatory affairs
- Snr. Manager for Media Relations and Information: Ms. Simona Basiu, in charge of communication policy, media relations and information, social affairs and security
- Economic Counsellor: Ms. Emilie Marinova, in charge of economy, statistics, and relations with Russia and Eastern Europe

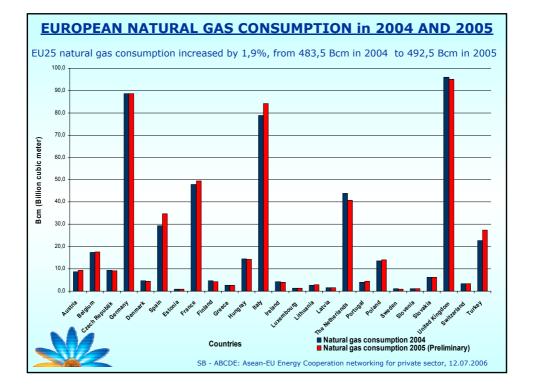


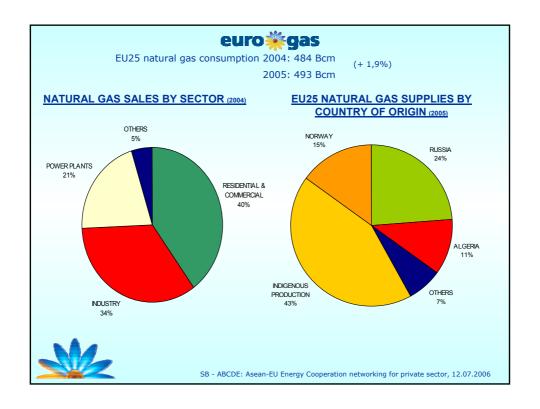


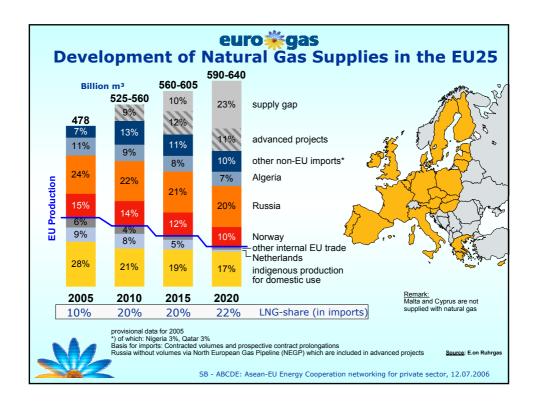
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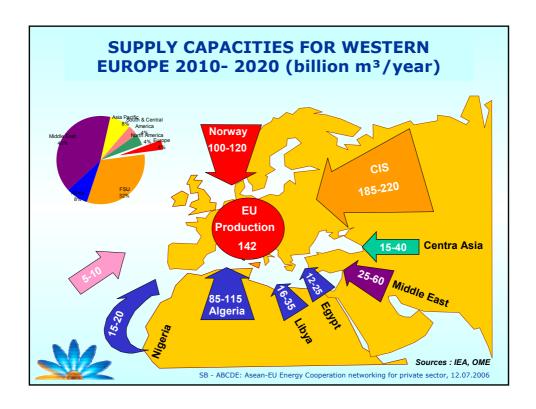


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3. About Eurogas activities



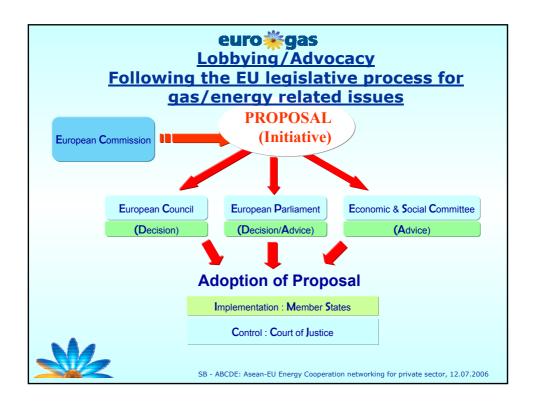


<u>Eurogas main speaking partners in the EU</u> <u>institutions</u>

- Commission (EU)
 - Directorate General Transport and Energy (DG TREN
 - Directorate General Competition
 - Directorate General Environment
 - Directorate General Research
- European Parliament (EP)
 - ITRE Committee
 - Economic Affairs
- European Council (EC)
 - COREPER and Governments



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European Gas Market Liberalization

- Development of a political/legislative framework
- 1985 The EU began to develop politically and economically; the objective was to create a single market for goods, services persons and capital
- 1990 First proposal on gas and electricity internal markets adopted in 1998 after years of debate (1998/30/EC)
- 2003 Second gas directive adopted (2003/55/EC) implemented in July 2004
- 2003 to today: more detailed regulatory developments at EU and national level



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- First Liberalisation Directive of 1998
- It is a Framework Directive laying out broad rules for the organization and the functioning of the gas market
- It foresees a gradual opening of the market starting at 20 % with a target of 43% of eligible customers
- It foresees unbundling of accounts
- It foresees third party access (regulation for networks optional)
- Provides mechanisms for regulation, control and transparency

- Second Liberalization Directive of 2003
- Is more detailed and more prescriptive
- Foresees market opening to all non-households customers by July 2004 and for all household customers by July 2007
- Requires third party access and legal separation of transmission activities from July 2004 and of distribution activities from July 2007 (legal unbundling)
- Foresees a regulation on third party access to networks. (Option for storage access)
- Contains a number of provisions dealing with public service obligations, customer protection and security of supply





Current Key Issues for Eurogas

- Continued debate on the gas and electricity markets (progress report)
- Energy Efficiency (GP « Doing More with Less ») Eurogas delivered a report early this year
- DG Competition sector enquiry Eurogas delivered a response last month
- Security of supply Green Paper on a secure, competitive and sustainable energy for Europe – Eurogas is preparing a response
- Madrid Forum (Interpretative notes on access guidelines, capacity allocation mechanisms, congestion management rules and transparency requirements)
- Fossil Fuels Forum
- Sustainable Energy Forum
- South Eastern Energy Community Treaty
- Contribution to the EU Russia Dialogue
- High Level Group

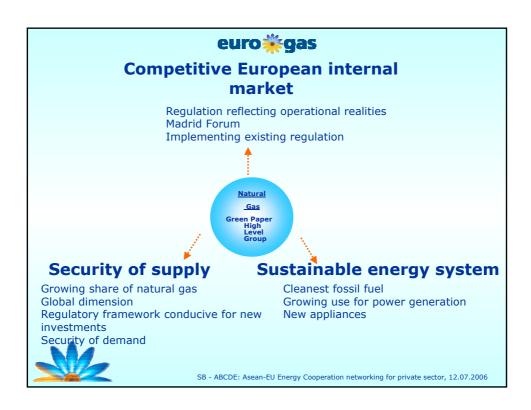
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EU Lobbying/Advocacy

- There are 3 global themes of interest that Eurogas is following:
 - Competitive European Market
 - Security of supply
 - Sustainable energy system







Conclusions

Natural gas can bring a decisive

