

15 January 2026

Addressee:

Director-General Jørgensen

Directorate-General for Energy (DG ENER)

European Commission

Subject: Request for a dedicated biomethane infrastructure session at Copenhagen Forum 2026

Dear Director-General Jørgensen,

We are writing on behalf of six European organisations representing the biomethane and gas infrastructure sectors to request that **biomethane-related infrastructure** be addressed in a **dedicated session at the Copenhagen Forum 2026**. Our aim is to ensure that the implementation of the Hydrogen and Decarbonised Gas Package fully unlocks the potential of biomethane for the European Union's climate, energy security and industrial competitiveness objectives.

In light of the EU's broader efforts to strengthen its competitiveness, ensure affordable energy prices and accelerate the phase-out of Russian gas, biomethane has gained **increasing political relevance** as a strategic, EU-made renewable gas with an established supply chain. The European Commission's initiatives - including forthcoming work on the Tripartite Agreement, the Gas Mechanism - recognise this growing role. Yet the Copenhagen Forum has not so far.

The **Gas Package** introduces a right to inject for renewable gas producers and new planning obligations for system operators. Its effective and timely implementation will be instrumental in increasing biomethane supply. Still, this will require sustained efforts by national governments and regulators to design and implement national frameworks. Persistent differences in national regulations – together with limited transparency – continue to pose challenges to the expansion of biomethane infrastructure.

Against this background, the **Commission has a key role in supporting Member States and NRAs** through best practices sharing and discussion with the biomethane industry and gas infrastructure operators. We see a **strong need for a biomethane-focused session** at the Copenhagen Forum 2026, building on the Forum's track record as a high-level platform for exchange between the Commission, regulators, and grid operators. This session should ideally address both the regulatory and economic dimensions, structured around **three core blocks**:

1. Grid Access: best practices sharing, remaining challenges, and regulatory inconsistencies across Member States.
2. Investment: cost-sharing mechanisms and anticipatory investments.
3. Efficient Grid Development: including but not limited to coordinated planning, mapping tools, lessons from virtual pipeline projects.

Such a session would provide an opportunity to share concrete regulatory practices, technical solutions and investment approaches benefitting both the frontrunner countries and Member States where biomethane markets are still emerging. It would help the **European Commission and National Regulatory Authorities** to develop **better informed, evidence-based policies and regulatory frameworks** for grid access.

Since its inception in 2014, the Copenhagen Forum has become the key European annual event for electricity grids and is now integrating hydrogen into its agenda. Given the EU's ambition for renewable

gases, we believe the Forum should now play the same role for biomethane and e-methane, and achieve a balance with renewable electricity in its agenda.

We thank you for your consideration and remain at your disposal for any further information or discussion.

Yours sincerely,

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