



## European Parliament Launch for New Green Gas Report

**Brussels, 19 April 2016 – Yesterday GEODE and Energy Networks Association (ENA) held an event in the European Parliament to mark the launch of a new green gas report, "A Sustainable Europe: Green Gas, Green Grids, Green Future"**

The event in Brussels brought together industry representatives and key policy makers from across Europe to discuss the 'energy renaissance' which gas is undergoing, and the long term role that green gas can play in meeting demand in an affordable, secure and sustainable energy future.

The report explores the contribution which gas from renewable sources can make to low carbon heat and transport, and supporting the electricity networks in meeting the challenges of decarbonisation. It makes a number of recommendations, including setting EU wide targets for sustainable gas.

**Paul Brannen** MEP gave a keynote speech on the future of green gas and the green economy, highlighting the cross party support which exists for the technology. Mr Brannen said:

"The environmental benefits of green gas are becoming increasingly obvious, as are the range of other benefits offered in terms of security of supply and affordability."

"With the right support in the coming years, green gas could not only help us to meet our energy objectives, but we can also develop an industry which could create high quality jobs and provide economic opportunities across the EU, including in my own constituency of the North East of England."

**Tony Glover**, Director of Policy at ENA and Co-Chair of the GEODE Future of Gas Group said:

"Our gas and electricity networks will be vital facilitators of Europe's transition to a low carbon economy, and green gas is one area where we can make great use of existing infrastructure to meet the needs of customers in an affordable, secure and sustainable way. I am confident that the recommendations in this report will prove useful to policymakers across Europe as they look to realise the enormous potential of green gas in our energy future."

**Kyriakos Maniatis**, Principal Administrator in the Directorate General for Energy on the European Commission, also attended the event and welcomed the new report. He outlined EU policy developments in the biogas sector and the key challenges faced by policy makers.



## **GEODE**

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## **Energy Networks Association**

Energy Networks Association (ENA) is the voice of the networks, representing the 'wires and pipes' transmission and distribution network operators for gas and electricity in the UK and Ireland. ENA's members control and maintain the critical national infrastructure that delivers these vital services into homes and businesses.

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