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PRESS RELEASE

Methane Emissions: The EU Regulation Can Move Forward. A Meeting Between Industry, Environmentalists, and Institutions at MonitorCH4

Bologna, 9 July 2026 - Monica Tommasi, President of Amici della Terra: *“The second edition of MonitorCH4 confirms companies’ commitment and the availability of technologies to reduce methane emissions from the energy sector, as required by EU Regulation 2024/1787.”*

This year, the event promoted by Amici della Terra takes on a European dimension, with an exhibition dedicated to technologies, operational practices and the regulatory framework for monitoring, quantifying and reducing methane emissions in the energy sector. The conference provides a forum for discussion among the main stakeholders involved in European energy and environmental legislation on methane emissions.

Carlotta Basili (coordinator of the [Amici della Terra report on the implementation status of the Regulation in Italy](#)) noted: *“A preliminary analysis by Amici della Terra of the 2025 methane emissions quantification reports submitted by companies to MASE in recent months shows that **92 reports** have already been filed (compared with 87 in the first reporting cycle for 2024), with new operators mainly in the distribution segment. According to the data in the reports, **methane emissions reported in Italy are declining sharply**, with most of the reduction concentrated in the distribution segment.”*

Tommaso Franci, Head of Energy at Amici della Terra, who chaired the morning session: *“To continue Italy’s positive course in implementing the Regulation, Italian and European institutions must play their part. The Italian Parliament must urgently approve the bill formally designating MASE as the competent authority, enabling it to assume an operational role in relation to the other bodies involved, starting with ISPRA. At EU level, the Commission must issue the technical implementing measures needed to give operators certainty about the technologies that may be used for methane emission detection activities, provide common templates for company reporting and launch the EU transparency portal. All these deadlines are now many months overdue.”*

Opening remarks were delivered by Marilena Barbaro, Head of MASE’s Directorate-General for Infrastructure and Security, who reviewed the work the Ministry is already carrying out to implement the Regulation, even in the absence of its formal designation as competent authority.

Regional Councillor Irene Priolo concluded the institutional opening remarks before visiting the exhibition area: *“Emilia-Romagna is a region that can make a significant contribution, thanks to its energy infrastructure, industrial base and expertise, including in digitalisation and environmental monitoring. As a regional authority, we are committed to supporting pathways that combine the energy transition, sustainability and competitiveness, assisting operators through this period of change and encouraging the adoption of the most advanced technologies for detecting and reducing emissions. The challenge before us is to accelerate implementation while ensuring regulatory certainty and high-quality measures. A significant part of the credibility and effectiveness of European climate policies will be determined on this ground.”*



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On behalf of the IEA, Sadhika Gulati presented the latest data from the Global Methane Tracker, highlighting that energy-sector methane emissions continue to rise worldwide and account for 35% of total methane emissions from human activities. At the same time, commitments to reduce emissions are increasing globally, both among the countries most directly involved, through the Global Methane Pledge, and among companies, through OGMP 2.0 and the OGDC.

EUROGAS Secretary General Andreas Guth addressed implementation of the Regulation from operators' perspective. He noted that European operators can implement it without major difficulty, but that the deadlines associated with the import provisions appear difficult to meet.

Georgie Passalaris, Stakeholder Engagement Lead for IMEO-OGMP 2.0 at UNEP, presented the results of the voluntary initiative, which has already been joined by 160 companies worldwide, covering 42% of global oil and gas production. In 2025, almost 40% of the natural gas production of OGMP member companies already met the highest MRV reporting level (Level 5), as required by the EU Regulation. OGMP is also working to support operators and independent verifiers by providing guidance to facilitate implementation of the Regulation.

The morning session concluded with the first part of the showcase of technologies already available for measuring and verifying emissions. Participating companies also displayed their systems in the dedicated exhibition area, which Regional Councillor Priolo visited after her address.