

# FARECOGAZ

Association of European manufacturers of Gas Meters,  
Gas Pressure Regulators and associated Safety Devices and Stations

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## **farecogaz – the strong new lobby on the European gas market**

facogaz and faregaz are to pool interests after their merger into the new association farecogaz, an association representing technical and scientific interests.

The two associations faregaz and facogaz were merged into a new association named **farecogaz – The association of European manufacturers of gas metering equipment, gas pressure regulators and associated safety devices and stations** in Brussels on 31 March 2011. Like its two predecessors, farecogaz will not pursue any economic purpose, but sees itself as a technical and scientific ambassador for its members. These represent 90% of the European market for gas metering equipment, gas pressure regulators, associated gas safety devices and instrumentation and control systems for the gas infrastructure. The significance of the market position held by the members is underlined by an excerpt from the Statutes of farecogaz:

- Companies must have a manufacturing entity situated within the EU
- They must have at least two years of experience in development and production
- Net sales should amount to at least €5 million each year
- All members have only one vote, even if they have their own production site in more than one European country
- They must be willing to contribute actively to the work of the Technical Committees

The Plenary Meeting in Brussels elected Michael Calovini (Elster GmbH) as President and Dr Cristiano Nardi (Pietro Fiorentini SpA) as Vice President; the other members of the Presidency are Omero Borghesani (Emerson) and Heinrich Bertke (Elster GmbH).

Dr Norbert Burger (grzi / figawa) is responsible for the General Secretariat.

The two associations facogaz and faregaz were established in the 1950s, and from an early date contributed to the definition of rules and standards. As such, precursors of European standards came into being even before the establishment of CEN under the involvement of Marcogaz, the representative of the scientific interests of the gas suppliers. The merger of the two associations offers clear synergies and it will now be easier to leverage these. In addition, bundling their technological competence under one common roof gives the new association an even stronger voice in the gas market, which is growing rapidly in significance. Many member companies are active today in overlapping product segments, and the number of issues addressed by both facogaz and faregaz has grown, such as maintenance recommendations for control and instrumentation systems (stations). A further reason for the merger can be found in the fact that the same contact person with a customer or authority is often responsible for both associations; communication with these should thus be both smoother and more intense in future.

Marcogaz has a longstanding relationship with facogaz and faregaz, and Secretary General Daniel Hec was therefore a guest at the association's incorporation, where he wished the Presidency all the best in its contribution towards the design of the European gas market in future.

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**faregaz** - The European Association of Manufacturers of Gas Pressure Regulators and Safety Devices

**facogaz** - Association of European Gas Meter Manufacturers

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