

SC New Gases 2nd meeting

1st July 2021 – WEBCO

Minutes of meeting

Start & end of the meeting : 10h00 – 12h00

Venue: Web-conference

Participants

	Member	Company		Name
1.	AFG	GRDF	FR	Marc Berger
2.	***	MARCOGAZ	BE	Elif Binici
3.	AFG	GRTGaz	FR	Aurélie Carayol
4.	CIG	SNAM	IT	Alejandra Casola Lopez
5.	***	MARCOGAZ	BE	Manuel Coxe
6.	AFG	GRTGaz	FR	Anne-Sophie Decaux
7.	AFG	AFG	FR	Christophe Erhel
8.	AFG	STORENGY	FR	Hélène Giouse
9.	DESFA	DESFA	GR	Vivi Gouriotti
10.	DVGW	DVGW	DE	Frank Graf <i>[Chairman]</i>
11.	GASUNIE	GASUNIE	NL	Paul Hogewoning
12.	DVGW	DBI	DE	Gert Müller-Syring
13.	GASUNIE	GASUNIE	NL	Leen Pronk
14.	DVGW	DVGW	DE	Uwe Klaas <i>[Secretary]</i>
15.	DGC	DGC	DK	Asger Myken
16.	***	MARCOGAZ	BE	Benjamin de Ville de Goyet
17.	CIG	ITALGAS	IT	Eugenio Salati
18.	NATIONAL GRID	NATIONAL GRID	UK	Jim Sibley
19.	SEDIGAS	NEDGIA	ES	Jairo Soto Rey
20.	AFG	GRDF	FR	Khamis Souidi
21.	ENAGAS	ENAGAS	ES	José Miguel Tudela
22.	DGC	DGC	DK	Leo van Gruijthuijsen

Apologized: Henk Brands, José Lana, Maurice Mennereau, Stéphane Rossato, Hiltrud Schülken

1. Opening of the meeting

Frank Graf welcomes the participants and opens the meeting.

2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was distributed as document [SCH2plus-45](#) by the Marcogaz secretariat. It is approved without amendment.

3. Introduction of Uwe Klaas as Secretary of SCH2+

Uwe Klaas from DVGW, Germany, has been proposed and accepted to serve as secretary of SCH2+. He briefly introduces himself, referring to a number of activities in Marcogaz SC Sustainability and in some WGs.

4. Minutes of the 1st meeting, held on 20th April 2021

The minutes ([SCH2plus-48](#)) of the first meeting held on 20th April 2021 are approved without amendment.

5. Discussion on draft work program SCH2+

Frank Graf presents an outline of the work program with some slides (see doc. [SCH2plus-49](#)). This presentation was also given to the Marcogaz board.

The members of the committee agree with the content in general.

Manuel Coxe explains the idea behind the “**internal knowledge platform**” (**task 1**). He asks the standing committee to propose a format for the platform. In autumn 2021, such a data platform will be installed at the Marcogaz SharePoint. However, only public accessible documents shall be listed, neither confidential documents nor such with a price tag on it or other commercial restrictions.

As an example for such platform, Uwe Klaas points to the data collection performed by Marcogaz WG “Odorization” which has been worked on since several years as a continuous project, the format being several Excel files. Eugenio Salati, leader of that working group, explains its origin and its growth over the years, resulting in the meantime to 10 pages.

Aurélie Carayol points to such an Excel data collection file also to be used for hydrogen.

Manuel Coxe proposes a dual file structure, one for data and experiences from the Marcogaz member countries, the other database for forwarding to the EU commission etc.

Alejandra Casola Lopez reminds that similar files exist within the working group “Gas Quality & Renewable Gases”.

Vivi Gourioti asks how to obtain the data from the different stakeholders? This is usually done by the issue and distribution of questionnaires which is performed by the respective working group or task force in charge of the file.

Hélène Giouse, for data on storages, points to the data set produces and maintained by the storage committee of the IGU which covers all underground storage facilities existing globally.

Concerning **task 2**, to “**Identify gaps, challenges and opportunities on infrastructure, sustainability, and end-use works on new gases and recommend implementation at relevant working groups of Marcogaz**”, Manuel Coxe explains that working groups should harmonize their work and not perform in competition. New topics may be proposed by the members of Marcogaz and shall be included in the agenda of the subsequent meeting.

Eugenio Salati suggests that the finding of new tasks could be done by all working groups in order to identify gaps of knowledge.

José Miguel Tudela proposed to create a big picture showing all projects of the Marcogaz working groups. Manuel Coxe will forward slides showing the work plans of all standing committees and working groups.

For **task 3**, “**Increase the knowledge in production and upgrading of new gases**”, Frank Graf proposes the installation of a working group. The proposal is welcomed by the participants of the meeting. However, the following needs to be regarded:

- 1) The formation of a working group requires the consent of the Marcogaz board;
- 2) Following the consent, a call for candidates for the chair and the secretariat of the working group shall be issued.

José Miguel Tudela and Jim Sibley ask for presentation of the draft scope of the working group to the members of the standing committee before the board meeting to seek the members’ agreement.

The scope of the working group shall be written down as agreed and distributed to the members of the SC well before the next meeting.

A member asking to include CEN contacts, Manuel Coxe points to the different kind of liaisons of Marcogaz which always require the consent of the Marcogaz board.

Concerning **task 4** “**Networking and stakeholder management**”, suggestions for new liaisons and cooperation are notified in the SC meetings and shall be discussed in advance with the General Secretary. SC members are asked to provide networking in their area of expertise.

Uwe Klaas proposes to include under task 4 also the IGU. This is not a European organisation, but is focusing recently on hydrogen in particular, also on other “new gases”, and has its offices in Europe, just moving from Barcelona to London.

6. TF Hydrogen: Status and progress of work

Gert Müller-Syring gives a presentation on the Marcogaz task force on hydrogen (see doc. [SCH2plus-50](#)).

Manuel Coxe asks if the data collected are sufficient to draw some conclusion. Gert Müller-Syring points to the second part which mentions projects to be finalized by the end of 2021 or early 2022. This would serve the improvement of the data base, which leads to a following question, if the data then would be available sometime in 2022 only.

Aurélie Carayol, co-author of the presentation, explains that some of the projects experience large delays, leading to an availability of the data in late 2022 only, due to the pandemic situation.

Gert Müller-Syring asks the General Secretary for support to establish improved relations or even liaisons to some of the research group in order to obtain the data as early as possible

7. Any other business

There is no indication for additional items for discussion.

8. Date and place of the next meeting

Frank Graf asks for proposals where to organize the next meeting. For the date, Benjamin de Ville de Goyet will issue a date survey to find a meeting date in October 2021.

9. Closure of the meeting

Frank Graf thanks the participants for their active attendance and closes the meeting at 12h00 sharp.

*

* *