

# Monitoring and reducing Methane Emissions

We will start at 13.02 to allow participants to finish previous meetings and join the call

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# Welcome and Opening

Thank you for joining us today

**Steven Vallender**  
Director of Asset



# Who will be speaking?

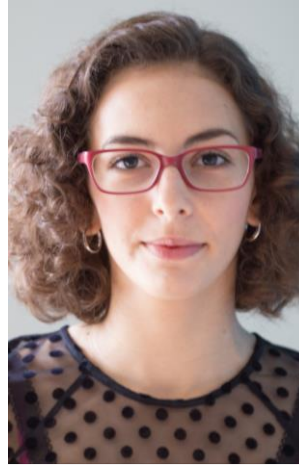
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# Logistics



Should last for approximately about 60 min



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We will circulate the slides and a recording of this webinar

# Agenda

**1. Methane Emissions – Performance & Strategy**

**2. The GERG Project**

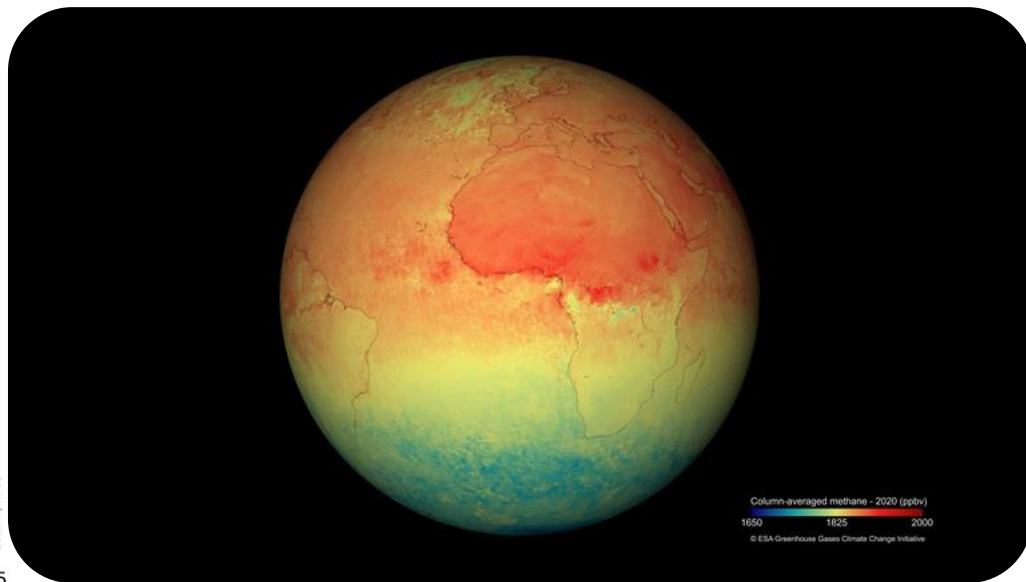
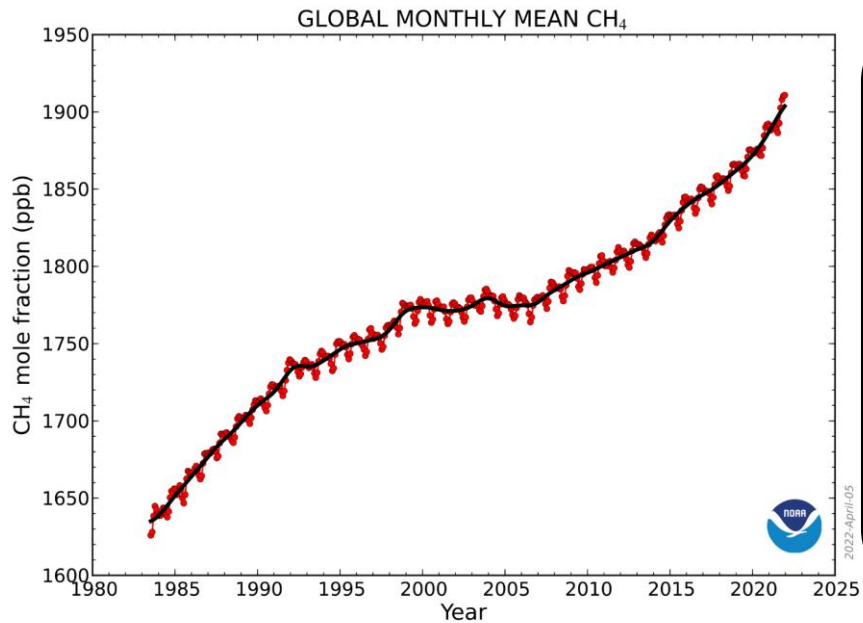
**3. The Digital Platform for Leakage Analytics (DPLA) Project**

**4. Oil and Gas Methane Partnership 2.0**

# Methane Emissions Performance & Strategy



# How responsible is methane?





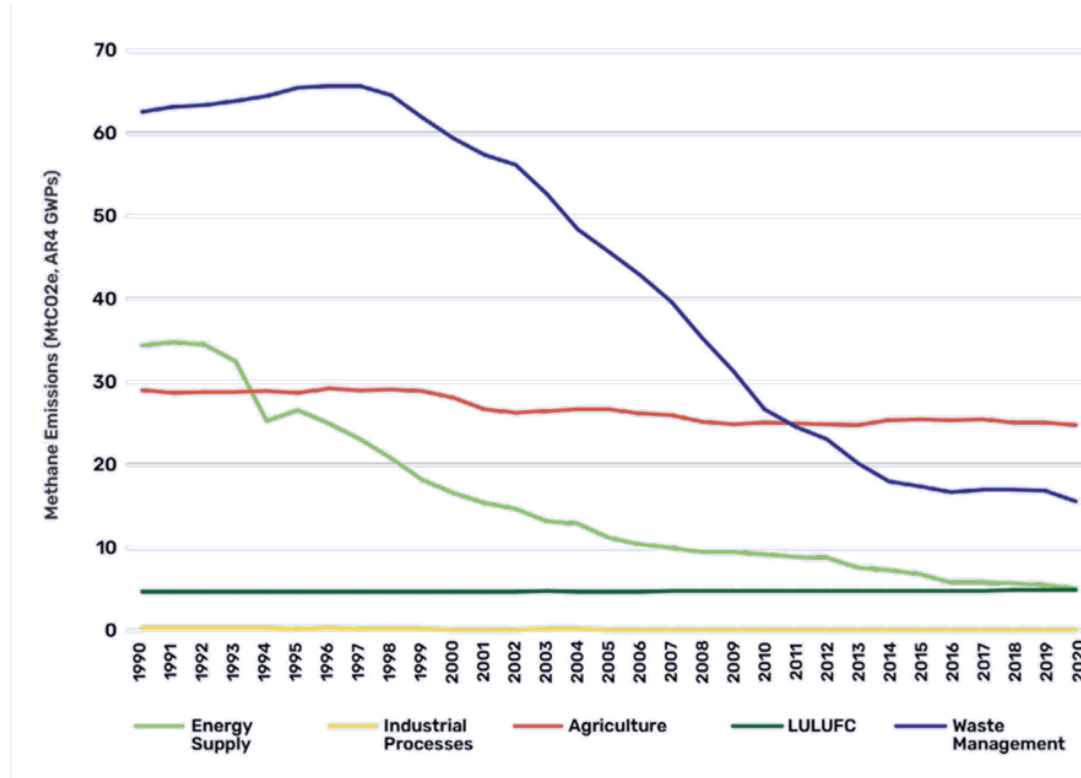
# Methane – in the news

- UK, US and EU commit to 30% reduction in methane emissions by 2030 from 2020 levels in the Global Methane Pledge at COP26
- Reinforced at COP27; more 150 countries now signed up. Countries developing methane action plans, UK included.



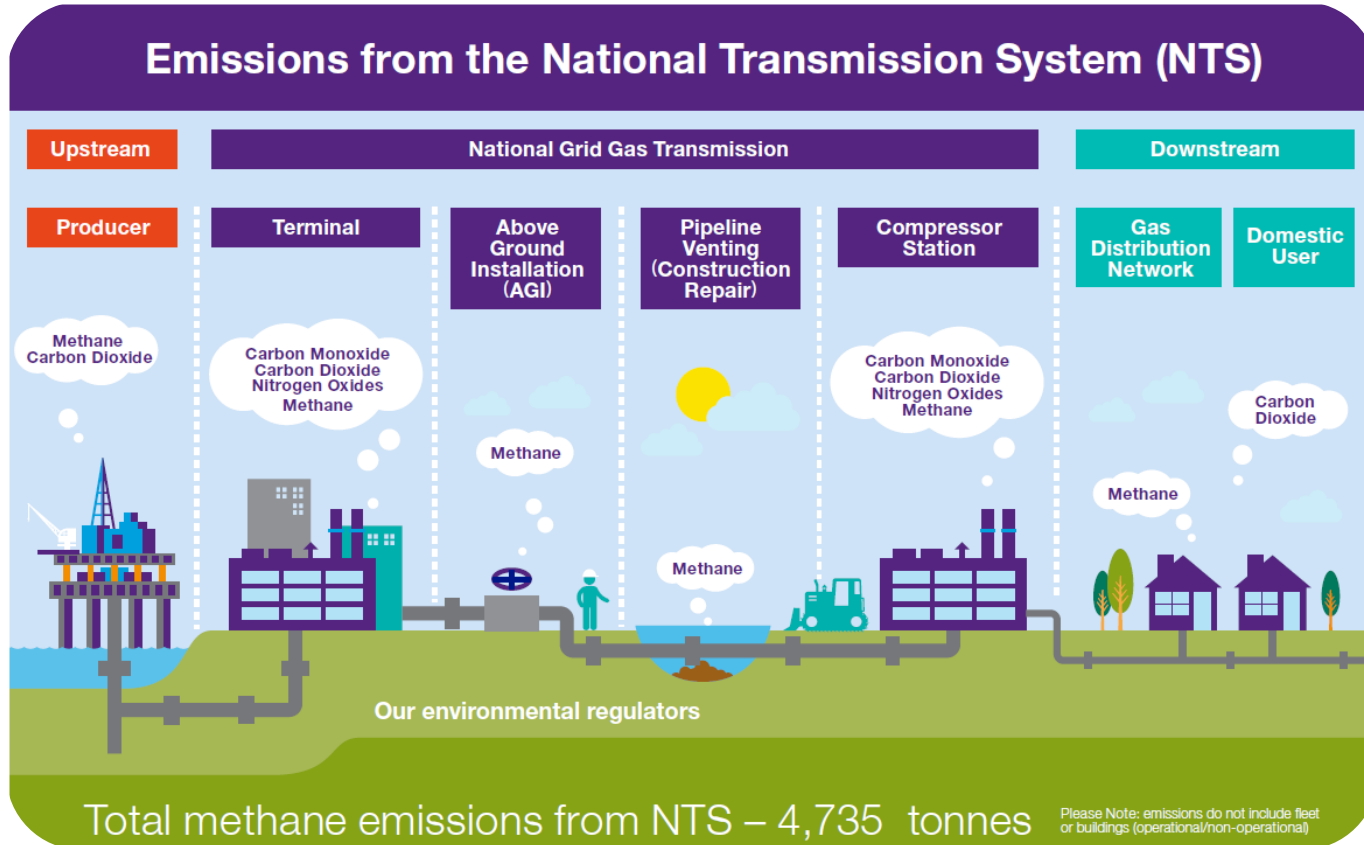


# UK methane emissions

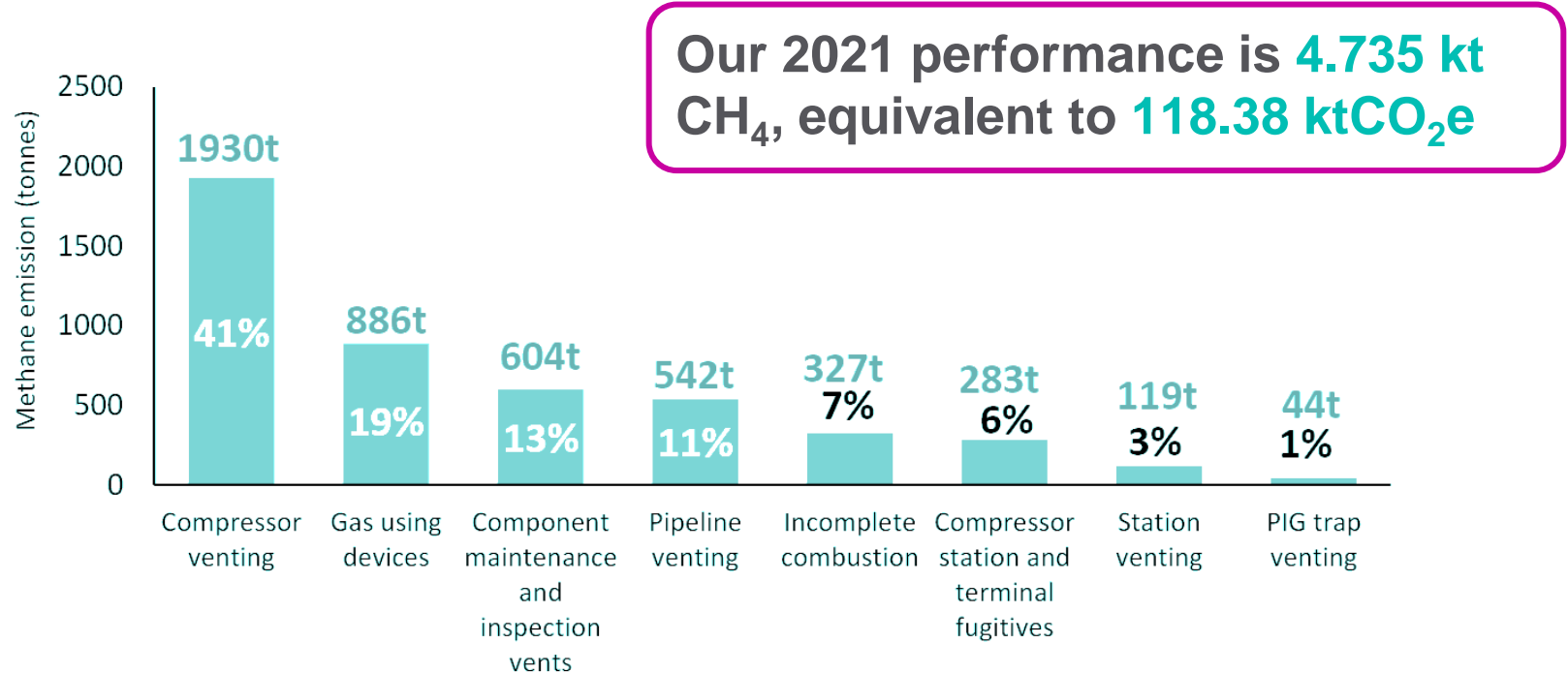


UK methane emissions by IPCC sector UK only Source BEIS, UK 1990-2020 Greenhouse Gas Inventory

# Where do methane emissions occur?



# Our sources of methane emissions



# Quick Poll

We are considering the most appropriate way to measure and report our methane emission performance which includes target setting. Should we set:

An intensity-based target; for example annual methane emissions as a percentage of gas transported

An absolute target; for example a set annual mass emission of methane

Both

# We are already working on this...



## But we know we can do more...Our uncertainty mechanism submissions

- Expand our current pipeline recompression capability and procure equipment to capture PIG trap emissions and emissions from whole compressor station depressurisations
- Improve detection and quantification of fugitive methane emissions through expanded leak detection and repair programme
- Trial compressor machinery train recompression or zero loss compressor seal solutions to reduce compressor venting

# Summary

Great progress by the UK gas transmission and distribution networks to reduce leakage and losses of natural gas and methane

Up to 14% reduction in transmission methane emissions with the RIIO-2 period through our proposed investments

Collaborate and innovate on solutions to make the next step change in methane emission reduction



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# Poll Results

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# The GERG project

Top-Down Methodologies

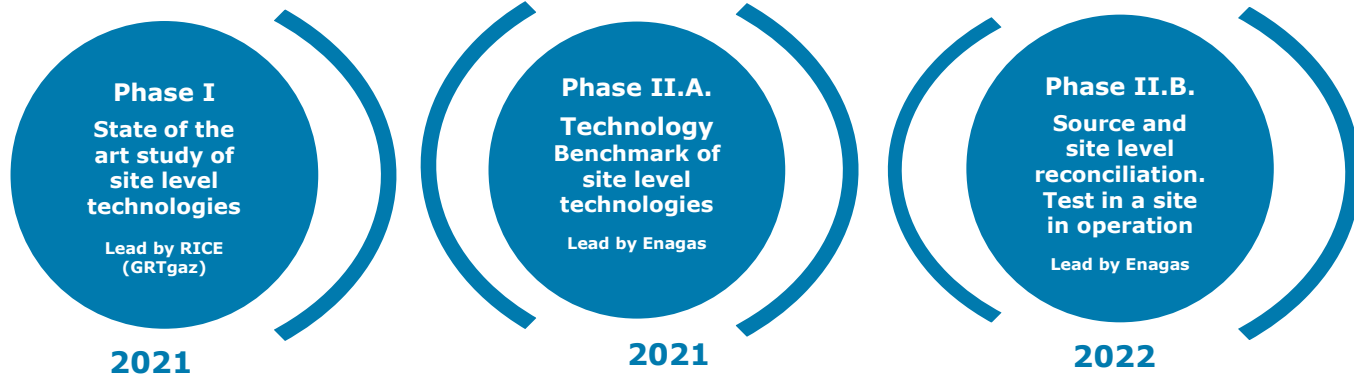
‘Site level quantification of methane emissions’



# Context

## GERG Project(s) on Site Level Technologies for Gas Infrastructure

Series of projects launched by GERG recently focusing on site level technologies for Mid-Stream (High Pressure) Gas Infrastructure



# Phase II.A. Technology benchmark

A first-of-its-kind research project covering midstream assets  
Blind controlled release tests to analyse the performance of most promising site level technologies



Inerted and isolated  
Compressor  
Station



9 most  
promising  
site-level  
technologies  
3 bottom-up



1 week of  
blind tests  
with  
controlled  
releases of  
methane



17 different  
emissions  
rates



Different  
heights and  
gas diffusion  
at the outlet

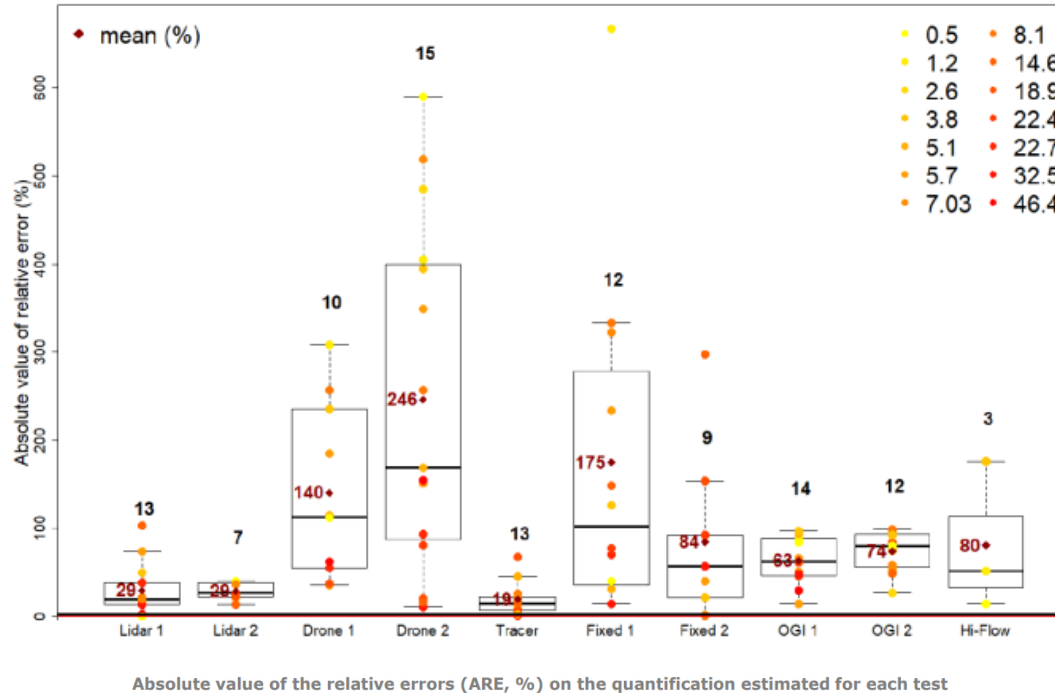


Independent  
analysis to  
assess  
accuracy and  
repeatability



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## Phase II.B. Site and source level reconciliation

**Measurements in a Compressor Station in Belgium (Fluxys)**

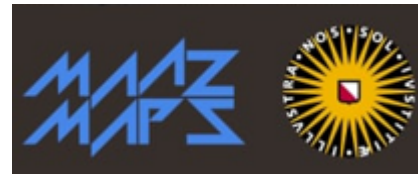
→ **Systematic bottom-up quantification by recognized provider.**

→ **Selection of site level technologies adapted to the site.**

**Measurements to be performed as simultaneously as possible**

**Tests took  
place in Spring  
2022**

Final aim is be to elaborate **a set of guidelines** to be applied when **top-down methodologies** are used, establishing a **harmonised approach** within EU (midstream sector) **for the application of top-down in combination with bottom-up estimations**



**-- Analysis of Measurements Results Underway --**

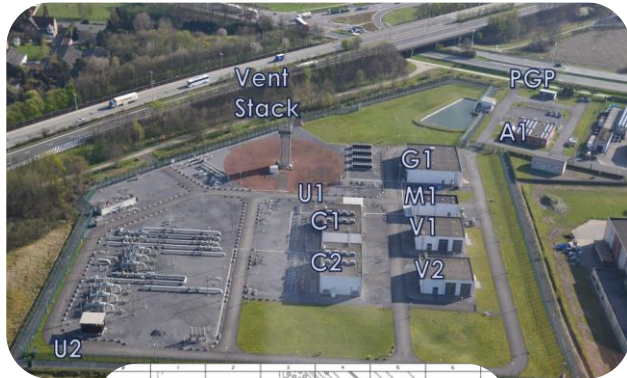
**ADVISORY BOARD** to validate the scope and test program and to contribute to the data analysis of the results  
Internationally recognized experts from Authorities and Institutions, Academia, Industry and Civil Society

## Phase II.B. Site and source level reconciliation

### Compressor Station in Belgium

**Small plant --> Ideal for testing different technologies, first pilot on reconciliation.**

- 4 electric driven compressors and 23 meters high vent stack
- Compressors depressurized (mode 1) + 1 compressor pressurized (mode 2). 2 days of tests.



### Sources of emissions & bottom up quantification

**Vents/open ended lines:** detection with OGI and FID analyser. Quantification with anemometer or bagging.

**Fugitive emissions:** Inventory of all potential leaking components. FID for detection. Correlation factors EN 15446 for quantification & bagging of a sample of fugitives & QOGI for inaccessible leaks.

**Incomplete combustion:** 3 'domestic' boilers. Emissions only during start/stops.









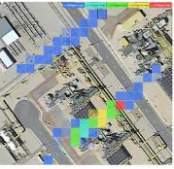

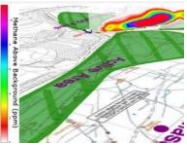
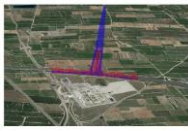




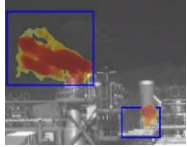
# Phase II.B. Site and source level reconciliation

## Technologies involved for the reconciliation

## Continuous monitoring

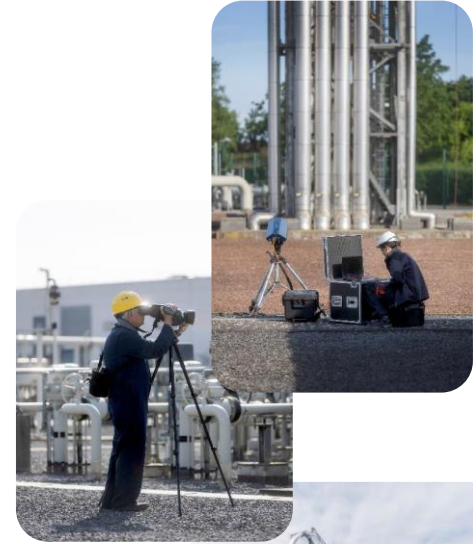
### Top-down/site-level technologies

	AEROMON	CHARM	DIAL (NPL)	ABB Mobile Guard	ABB HoverGuard	Tracer Gas Methodology (DGC)
Picture of the equipment						
Picture of their measurements				no results in previous phase	no results in previous phase	
Sensor used	Tunable Diode Laser Spectrometry (TDLS)	Differential Absorption Lidar (DIAL)	Differential Absorption Lidar (DIAL)	Off-Axis Integrated Cavity Output Spectroscopy (OA-ICOS)	Off-Axis Integrated Cavity Output Spectroscopy (OA-ICOS)	Concentration of methane and acetylene measured with a ultra portable gas analyzer: off-axis integrated cavity output spectroscopy (OA-ICOS)
Platform used	Drone: UAV Matrice 300 RTK from DJI	Helicopter (AirLloyd)	Truck	Car	Drone: DJI 600 Pro	Van

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	didn't participate in previous phase
Carolynne fyl (an uncooled LWIR detector) and Mileva 33-F (cooled MWIR detector).	MOx sensors
Unmanned cameras	Unmanned fixed sensors across the site (downwind potential sources)



## Phase II.B. Site and source level reconciliation



Photos Fluxys Belgium - David Samyn

## Phase II.B. Site and source level reconciliation

### PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

- **Top down measurements** complementary to bottom up quantification are important to identify **all emission sources in a site.**
  - Not all technologies are sufficiently accurate to allow a quantitative comparison.
  - In any case, **qualitative analysis** of sources found by top down measurements is the key point.
  - Some OGI cameras have potential to qualify for reconciliation.
  
- **Qualitative reconciliation in a snapshot of time for known values of operational parameters is our preferred approach.**
  - Once there is a clear understanding of all potential emission sources in the site, efforts on improving bottom up estimations might be more effective than frequent top down measurements.



2023: GERG will collaborate with UNEP for IMEO's campaign of measurements across EU



## Phase II.B. Site and source level reconciliation

### Funding Partners



# The Digital Platform for Leakage Analytics (DPLA) Project





# The DPLA project is funded by Ofgem and Innovate UK through the Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF)

## What is the Strategic Innovation Fund?

### SIF Innovation Challenges



The aim of the Ofgem Strategic Innovation Fund is to **decarbonise** gas and electric energy distribution and transmission networks and **benefit the consumer**.

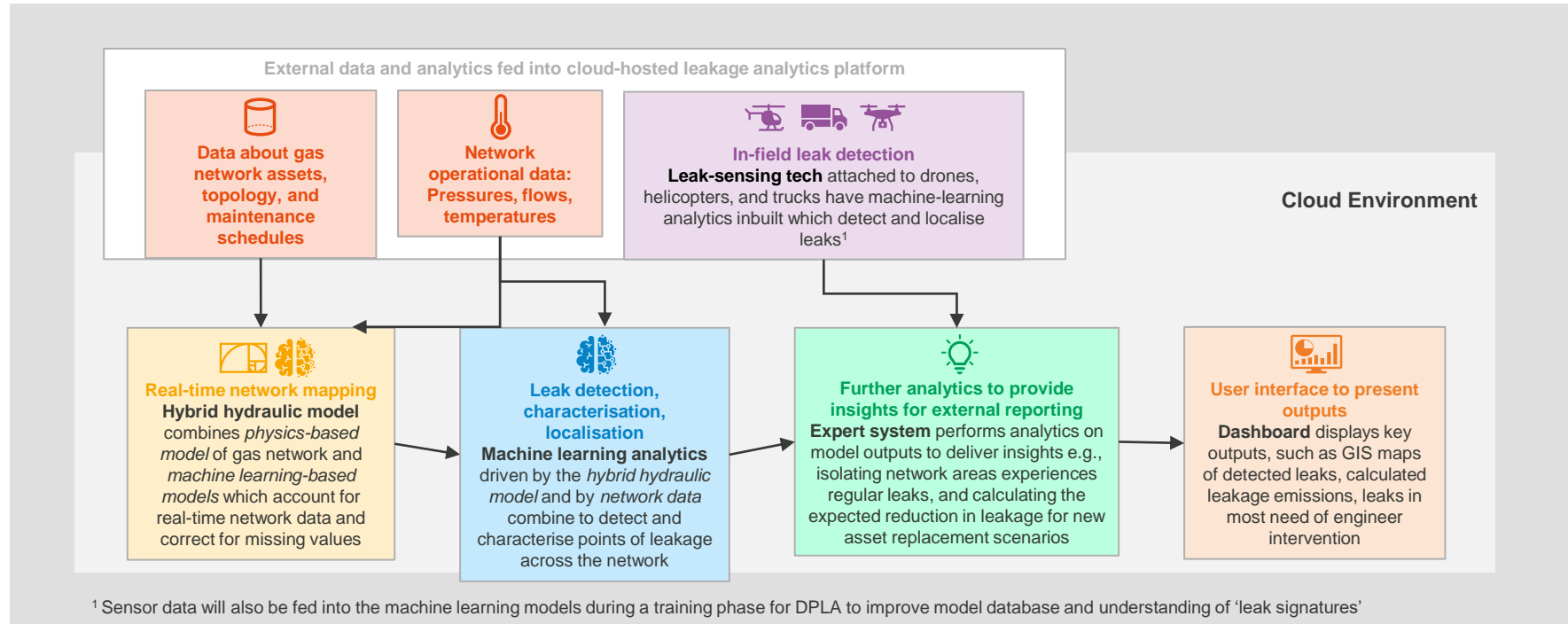
### SIF Phases



### Project Partners



# The DPLA concept merges physics-based models, machine learning, and novel leak sensors to create a first-class leak detection platform



# DPLA has the potential to accelerate decarbonisation, bring value to the consumer and deliver reporting and operational improvements



**Accelerating  
decarbonisation**



**Customer Benefits**



**Reporting Benefits**



**Increased Accuracy**



**Real-time Inputs**



# Digital Platform for Leakage Analytics: Objectives & Progress Update



## Discovery Outcomes

- Verified the **feasibility** of the DPLA concept from a technical, conceptual, regulatory and economic angle
- Identified potential **technology options** and deployment modes
- Carried out a **cost benefit analysis** demonstrating the economic benefits of the DPLA



## Alpha Progress

- Assessed **vendors** and developed the detailed design of the digital leakage analytics platform
- Considered a **change impact assessment**
- To assess **regulatory options** for roll out
- To refine the **cost benefit analysis**

# Next steps: Beta phase and beyond



## SIF Beta Expectations

- Multi-year, large-scale projects
- Budgets will start at £500k and duration at 6 months
- Expecting several multi-million £ programmes
- The projects will focus on build, operation and/or demonstration of the concept



## DPLA Beta High-Level Objectives

- Build and test a minimum viable product
- Demonstrate several methane detection technologies
- Test the scalability of the technology across different regions and pressure tiers
- Identify and deliver quick win methane reduction initiatives
- Prepare for network-wide roll out of DPLA

# Oil and Gas Methane Partnership 2.0 and the role of the International Methane Emissions Observatory

*Better emissions data for  
methane mitigation  
in the oil and gas sector*



# Oil and Gas Methane Partnership 2.0

## What is OGMP 2.0?

- The only comprehensive, measurement-based reporting framework for oil and gas industry
- Global coverage and scope (over 80 companies)
  - Upstream, midstream and downstream segments
  - Public, private and national oil companies
- Assets in scope represent 30% of global oil and gas production in over 60 countries
- Over 65% of LNG flows, over 20% of global natural gas transmission and distribution pipelines, over 10% of global storage capacity.



## OGMP 2.0 Partners



## Snapshot of Company Membership



# OGMP 2.0: “gold standard” of methane reporting



## Comprehensive reporting framework

- Focus on direct measurements, to help companies identify and mitigate largest emissions sources
- Covering all material sources from both operated & non-operated assets across all segments of the value chain

## Community of practices

Platform for peer learning and experience sharing between industry's experts

## Increasingly recognised as a global MRV standard:

- OGMP 2.0 as “the best existing vehicle for improving measurement, reporting and verification capability in the energy sector” (EU Methane Strategy, Oct 2020)
- OGMP 2.0 serves as basis for the European Commission’s methane regulation (Dec 2021)

# OGMP 2.0 Reporting Levels

Level 1

## Venture/Asset Reporting

- Single, consolidated emissions number
- Only applicable where company has very limited information

Level 2

## Emissions Category

- Emissions reported based on IOGP and Marcogaz emissions categories
- Based on generic emissions factors

Level 3

## Generic Emission Source Level

- Emissions reported by detailed source type
- Based on generic emissions factors

Level 4

## Specific Emission Source Level

- Emissions reported by detailed source type using specific emissions and activity factors
- Based on direct measurement or other methodologies

Level 5

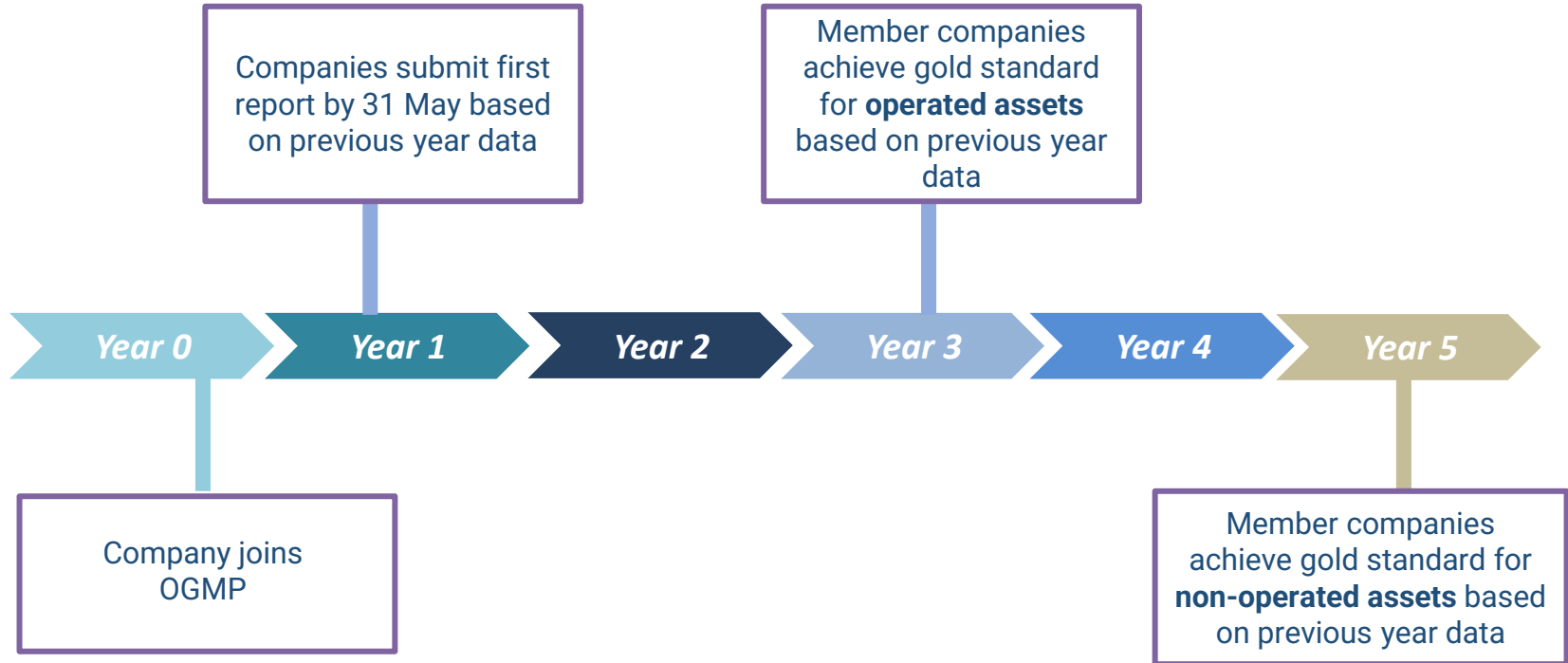
## Level 4 + Site Level Measurement Reconciliation

- Direct measurement methodologies at a site or facility level\*, including through sensors mounted on a mobile platform
  - Reconciled with Level 4
- \* on a representative sample of facilities

## GOLD STANDARD

Integrating “bottom-up” source-level reporting, with independent site-level measurements for the majority of assets

# OGMP 2.0: Reporting Timeline



# OGMP 2.0 Requirements and Data Disclosure

## OGMP 2.0 requirements

- Define & disclose **2025 methane reduction target**
- Submit **implementation plan** on pathway to **Gold Standard**
- **Report annually** on methane emissions from **operated & non-operated assets**

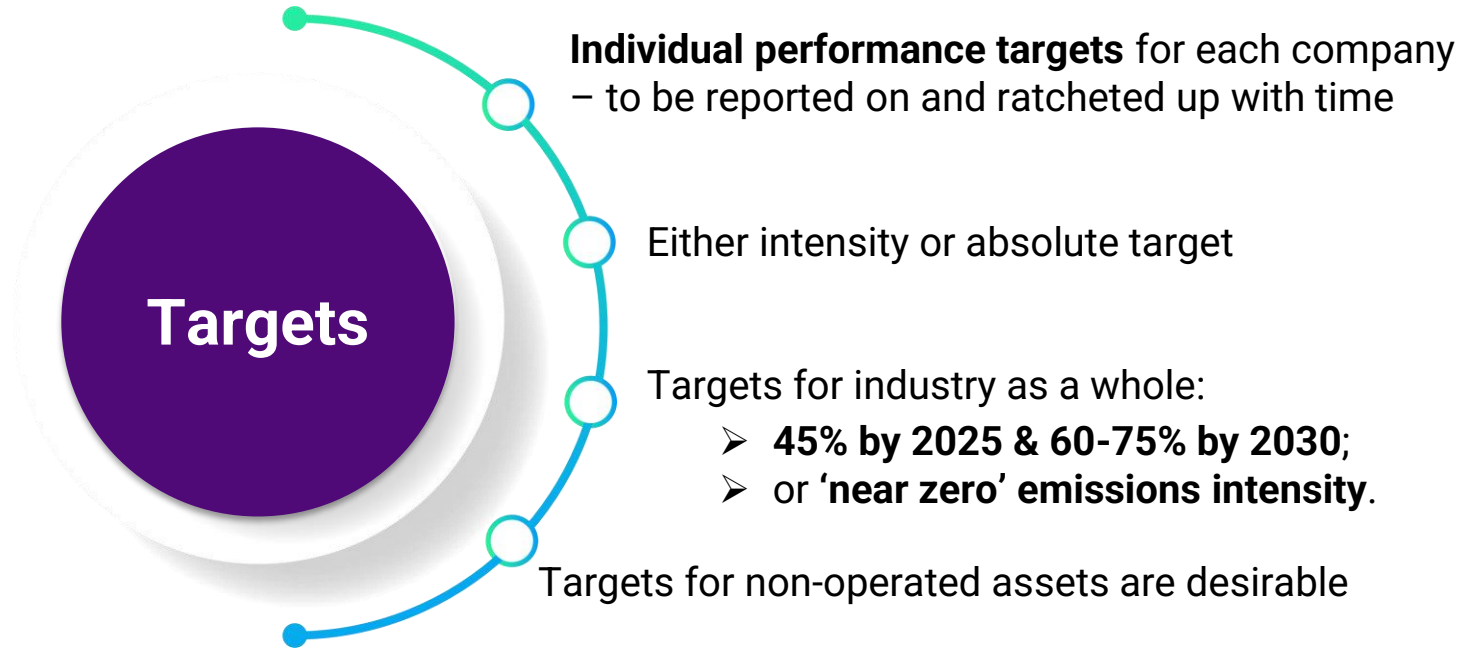
## Publicly reported data

- Declared methane **reduction targets** of companies
- Company total emissions (**aggregated** by core source and by level (1-5) & distinct operated and non-operated ventures) + **progress towards targets**
- Members can review company fact sheet before publication
- **Confidential asset level data and/or country level emissions data will not be publicly disclosed**



# Company Performance Targets

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# OGMP 2.0 Guidance

- All guidance is **principles-based** rather than rules-based and relies on operators' judgement
- All guidance is available on the [OGMP 2.0 website](#) under 'Resources' section

## 1. Technical Guidance Documents on how to meet reporting requirements for most common material sources at Level 3 and 4

Natural gas driven pneumatic controllers, pumps and measurement devices	Glycol dehydrators	Gas well hydraulic fracture completion venting/flaring	Incidents, third party damages and energy stops
Fugitive component and equipment leaks	Un-stabilized liquid storage tanks	Flare efficiency	Level 1 and 2 reporting
Centrifugal compressor shaft seals (wet and dry seals)	Gas well liquids unloading	Incomplete combustion	Leaks & Permeation from Underground Pipes
Reciprocating compressors	Oil well casinghead venting/flaring	Purging and venting, starts and stops and other process and maintenance vents	General TGD

## 2. Uncertainty & Reconciliation Guidance

Offers considerations for operators to approach **L4 inventory** and **L5 estimate development**, including reconciliation.

## 3. Reporting Templates & Associated Guidance

## Why Join?

- Credibility & Transparency
- Knowledge and Experience Sharing

## How to join?

- No Fee
- Sign an MoU with UNEP
- MoU is countersigned

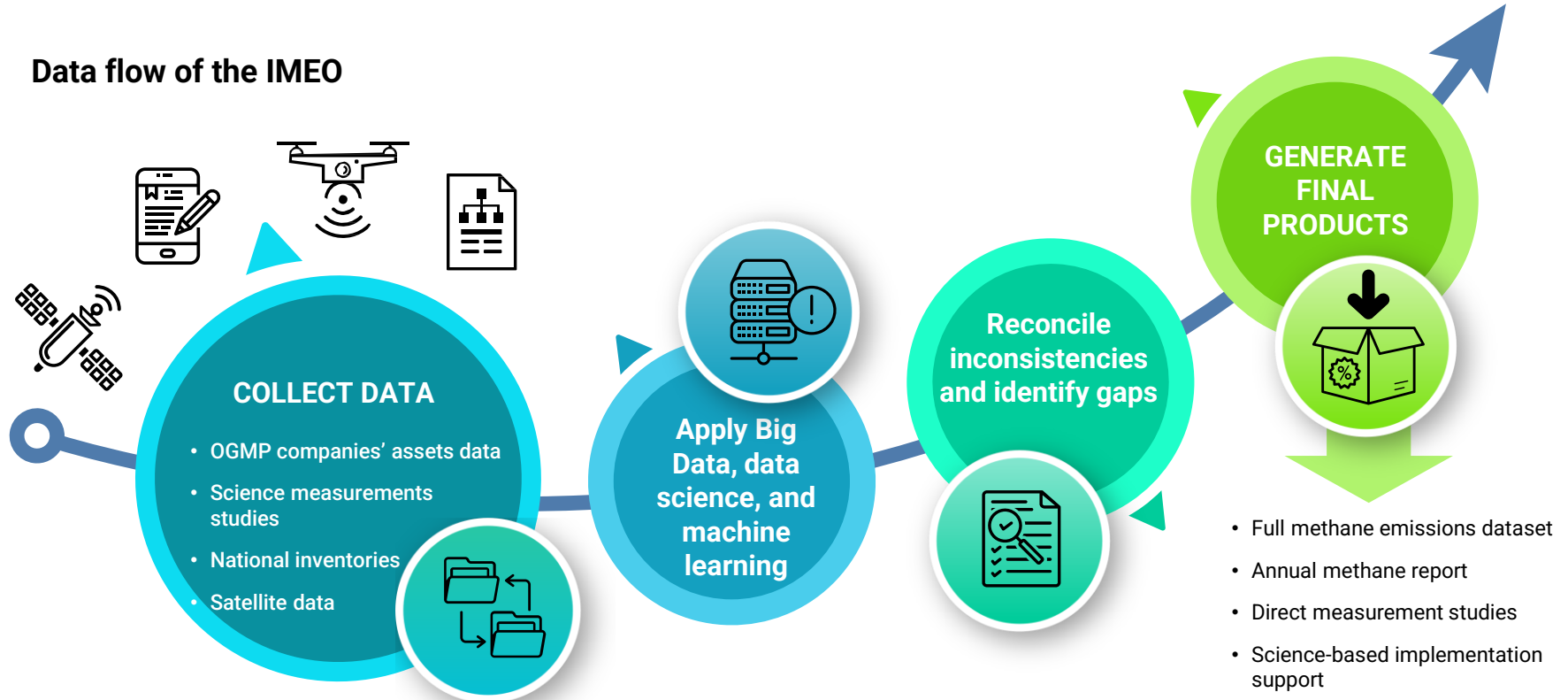
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# International Methane Emissions Observatory:

## Better data for methane mitigation in the oil and gas sector

### Data flow of the IMEO



# Increased momentum on methane: Global Methane Pledge



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Countries that have signed on to the EU- and US-led Global Methane Pledge

70%

Portion of the global GDP covered by signatories

30%

Methane reduction target by 2030

IMEO is a core implementing partner of [Global Methane Pledge](#), that will provide emissions data to analyze its progress and facilitate technical assistance on science & transparency.

[2022 IMEO Report](#) launched at ADIPEC

# Summary & Questions



# Summary

## Monitoring



## Reporting



## Verification





# Questions



# What next?



You will receive the recording and material from today's session



If you have any further questions or would like to discuss anything specific please get in touch with [oliver.stafford@nationalgrid.com](mailto:oliver.stafford@nationalgrid.com)



Feedback is important to us, therefore if you have not already taken part, we would like to put you forward for a survey

# Webinar Programme

<https://ngrid.com/3ESgN1t>



Event Name	Date / Time	Presenters
Facilitating Commercial & Regulatory Change	Tuesday 29th November @ 09:30	Ian Radley, System Operations Director
Sustainable Construction	Wednesday 30th November @ 09:00	Mark Lissimore, Construction Director
Accessing Energy Data	Thursday 1st December @ 11:00	Mark Lissimore, Construction Director
Operating the Network	Friday 2nd December @ 13:00	Ian Radley, System Operations Director
Blending	Monday 5th December @ 10:00	Tony Green, Hydrogen Director
Transitioning to 100%	Tuesday 6th December @ 11:00	Martin Cook, Commercial Director
Hydrogen Regulatory Framework	Wednesday 7th December @ 12:00	Tony Nixon, Regulation Director
Monitoring and Mitigating Methane Emissions	Thursday 8th December @ 13:00	Steven Vallender, Asset Director
Future of Heat	Friday 9th December @ 13:30	Tony Green, Hydrogen Director
FutureGrid - Progress Report	Monday 12th December @ 14:00	Tony Green, Hydrogen Director
Innovation	Tuesday 13th December @ 13:00	Tony Green, Hydrogen Director
Driving a Positive Environmental & Community Impact	Wednesday 14th December @ 10:00	Jake Tudge, Corporate Affairs Director

**Thank you for joining us**





# Gas Transmission