

Presentation of the CORE LNGas hive project for the promotion of liquefied natural gas as a fuel in the transport sector

- **The Director General for Energy of the European Commission, Dominique Ristori, and the Secretary of State for Energy, Alberto Nadal have participated in the event**
- **The objective of the CORE LNGas hive is to develop a LNG supply chain that allows the promotion of the use of gas as a transportation fuel, especially maritime transport**
- **The total investment in the project is 33 million euros, half of which will be financed with European Commission funds**
- **The project will contribute to the decarbonisation of the European corridors of the Mediterranean and the Atlantic**

Today the CORE LNGas hive project for the promotion of liquefied natural gas as a fuel in the transport sector was presented in Madrid. The Director General for Energy of the European Commission, Dominique Ristori, the Secretary of State for Energy, Alberto Nadal and the presidents of the State Ports, José Llorca, and Enagás, Antonio Llardén attended the event.

The event was held at the headquarters of the EU institutions in Spain for the purpose of highlighting the innovative nature of the project, which aims to develop an integrated supply chain that is safe and efficient for the provision of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) as a fuel in the transport sector, especially maritime transport, in the Iberian Peninsula.

With 8 regasification plants, the Iberian Peninsula occupies a privileged geostrategic position and has developed considerable know-how in LNG logistics solutions, which are key to the project's development and its consolidation as a European reference in this area.



European funding

The CORE LNGas hive initiative has been selected by the European Commission as the winner in the call for aid mechanism "Connecting Europe Facility" (CEF) for the development of the Trans-European Transport Network (Call 2014), and will receive 16.5 million euros of funding from the European Commission. The total investment in the project will amount to €33Mn.

Coordinated by Enagás with the leadership of Puertos del Estado, this project has a total of 42 partners from Spain and Portugal: 8 institutional partners, including the Directorate General of the Merchant Marine; 13 port authorities and 21 industrial partners, LNG operators, shipbuilders, regasification companies and other companies.

LNG as a fuel

The initiative involves 25 studies, to be conducted by the partner companies for the adaptation of infrastructure and logistical and commercial development, in order to offer small-scale supply and bunkering services.

The implementation of the project, which will serve as a basis for proposing the 'National Action Framework' of LNG as a maritime fuel in Spain, is scheduled to run until 2020.

In line with the EU strategy on alternative fuel infrastructures (Clean Power for Transport), this project will contribute to the decarbonisation of the Mediterranean and the Atlantic corridors. LNG is one of the most environmentally friendly fossil fuels because it generates about 30% less CO2 emissions than oil and oil-based products.

The partners

The 42 project partners are: Enagás as a coordinator; Public institutions: State Ports, Directorate General of the Merchant Marine, Basque Energy Board (EVE), Energy Institute of Galicia (INEGA), Renfe Freight Transport, Maritime Security and Rescue Society (SASEMAR), the Polytechnic University of Madrid and the University of Santiago de Compostela; 13 Port Authorities: the Bay of Algeciras, Barcelona, Bilbao, Cartagena, Ferrol-San Cibrao, Gijón, Huelva, Melilla,





Santander, Tarragona, Tenerife, Valencia and Vigo; 21 Industrial Partners: Astilleros Armón, Boluda Corporación Marítima, Bureau Veritas, CEPSA, Flota Suardiaz, Valenciaport Foundation, Gas Natural Fenosa, Guascor Power, HAM Criogénica, IDIADA Automotive Technology, ITSAS Gas Bunker Supply, Molgas Energy, Reganosa, Remolcadores Ibaizabal, REN Gasodutos, Saggas, Seaplace, Terminal Catalunya (BEST), Terminal de Contenidores of Barcelona (TCB) and UTE Remolcadores Barcelona-SAR.

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