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The CORE LNGas hive project for the promotion of liquefied natural gas as a transport fuel presents its latest developments in Barcelona

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- **The aim was to disclose the status of the project and the efforts made by the European Commission and the Spanish Government to promote sustainability in transport**
- **During the conference, the points of view of LNG shippers and users were also presented**
- **LNG is the immediate future of sustainable maritime transport**

The first CORE LNGas hive project conference for the promotion of liquefied natural gas (LNG) as a fuel in the transport sector took place today in Barcelona. The conference was opened by the President of the Spanish Ports Authority, José Llorca; Enagás Director General, Claudio Rodríguez and the President of the Barcelona Port Authority, Sixte Cambra.

The aim of this conference was to reveal the status of the project and the efforts made by the European Commission and the Spanish Government to promote sustainable transport, especially maritime transport.

For Helmut Morsi, Advisor to the European Commission, "these types of projects are key initiatives for the application of the *Clean Power for Transport* directive, which supports sustainable transport, the fight against climate change, the improvement of air quality, which are of benefit for all European citizens."



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The conference also explained the National Action Framework for Alternative Energies in Transport which highlights the efforts made by the Spanish Government in this field. Studies on the Demand and Social Perception of LNG produced by CORE LNGas hive were also presented.

According to the results of the study on the Demand, developing a European network of LNG refuelling stations would motivate the market, and the Iberian Peninsula would play a key role.

Three round tables were also held, in which value was placed on LNG as a sustainable fuel and consumer and shipper viewpoints were explained, as well as those of other similar European projects. In this sense, LNG is increasingly in demand as a fuel in the maritime sector, in the context of reducing emissions.

This first conference was held in Barcelona, one of the main cities where the CORE LNGas hive project is being developed. The aim of the project is to create a safe, efficient and integrated logistics and supply chain for LNG as a fuel in the transport sector, particularly for maritime transport, in the Iberian Peninsula.

About the CORE LNGas hive project

Led by the Spanish Ports Authority and coordinated by Enagás, CORE LNGas hive project has a total of 42 partners from Spain and Portugal: 8 institutional partners; 13 port authorities and 21 industrial partners, LNG operators, shipbuilders, regasification companies and other companies.

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 (LNG supply as fuel for ships).

LNG is one of the most environmentally friendly fuels. Compared with other traditional fuels, it completely eliminates sulphur oxide (SOx) and particle emissions and substantially reduces nitrogen oxides (NOx), which helps to comply with the increasingly strict environmental standards in the maritime sector and to advance in the process of decarbonisation of the



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Mediterranean and Atlantic corridors, in line with the European Union strategy on alternative fuel infrastructures (*Clean Power for Transport*).

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