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Open letter

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UNECE Group of Experts on Gas workshop (Jan 20, 2026) on:
The EU Methane Regulation: Global Implications, Benefits and Challenges

Dear Madam / Sir,

On January 20, 2026, UNECE organized a workshop on the [EU Methane Regulation: Global Implications, Benefits and Challenges](#).

Over 140 participants joined the workshop online and listened to different speakers - including the International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP) and Eurogas.






We, members of a [network of civil society organisations](#) with expertise on methane, who either attended the workshop or learned about it through the [documents provided](#) afterwards, were disappointed by the one-sided agenda that allowed the industry to put forward an unquestioned narrative of unmanageable supply risk and therefore a call to further stop-the-clock on the implementation of the EU Methane Regulation.

The workshop on the EU Methane Regulation highlighted important technical discussions, but exposed a persistent lack of transparency in the operations of the UNECE Group of Experts on Gas and stakeholder engagement. Civil society and independent experts remain under-represented, while industry and commercial interests continue to dominate dialogues and influence outcomes. Without more open processes and balanced representation, UNECE forums risk privileging narrow sectoral agendas over inclusive, evidence-based policymaking on methane mitigation and energy transition. We therefore call upon UNECE to make the appointment processes for members of the expert group public and demand that civil society be given greater involvement.

We believe that the workshop on the EU Methane Regulation would have benefited from the expertise and alternative viewpoint of civil society organisations. Without due representation in the workshop we feel the need to debunk some of the claims that have been presented during the workshop.

We very much hope that we can continue to constructively engage with UNECE and that future workshops will provide space for members of the civil society to contribute to an informed discussion with a wider UNECE audience.

Sincerely,

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