



Enagás executive Abel Enríquez will head the European Network of Network Operators for Hydrogen.

Enagás reinforces its leadership in the European hydrogen sector with this key appointment in the *European Network of Network Operators for Hydrogen (ENNOH)*.

Enagás Infraestructuras de Hidrógeno will also be represented on the ENNOH Board by Luis Ignacio Parada, the company's EU Energy Policy and Regulation Director.

Madrid, 12 December 2024. Enagás' Head of EU Affairs and Organisations, Abel Enríquez, has been appointed Director of the European Network of Network Operators for Hydrogen (ENNOH). Enagás strengthens its leadership in the European hydrogen sector with this key appointment.

In order to develop the necessary preparatory work for the start of the network of European operators in the second half of 2025, the Constitutive General Assembly of this association has been set up, which has approved this appointment and elected Christoph vom dem Bussche, Managing Director of the German carrier GASCADE, as its President.

ENNOH will consist of a 17-member Board and Enagás Infraestructuras de Hidrógeno, a subsidiary dedicated to the development, construction and operation of hydrogen transmission and storage infrastructures, will be represented by Luis Ignacio Parada, EU Energy Policy and Regulation Director at Enagás.

Created by a European legislative mandate, ENNOH's main mission will be to promote the development and proper functioning of the internal hydrogen market and to facilitate cross-border flows. It will focus on ensuring the optimal management, coordinated operation and appropriate technical evolution of the future European hydrogen transmission network.

The functions and tasks of ENNOH are included in the EU hydrogen and gas decarbonisation package, consisting in Directive (EU) 2024/1788 and Regulation (EU) 2024/1789 of May 2024, published in the EU Official Journal on 15 July.

Hydrogen infrastructure development

ENNOH is tasked with preparing the Ten-Year Network Development Plans (TYNDP), which will include all associated infrastructure developments, and will cooperate closely with the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E) and the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSO-G) to identify synergies, foster sectoral integration, achieve cost-efficient decarbonisation of the European energy system, and help meet the EU's energy and climate goals.

The establishment of market rules and network codes, as well as the elaboration of technical recommendations in multiple areas to ensure an efficient and effective operation of the future European hydrogen system, are additional tasks of the future organisation.



Profiles

With more than 20 years of professional experience, Abel Enríquez was until now the Head of EU Affairs and Organisations at Enagás. He specialises in the functioning of the EU, European legislative developments and gas/hydrogen sector regulation. He has worked in Brussels for more than 15 years and co-chairs the Roundtable for Transmission and Distribution of Clean Hydrogen within the European Clean Hydrogen Alliance. Previous positions include being Secretary General at Gas Infrastructure Europe (GIE) and various senior roles in European organisations.

Luis Ignacio Parada, EU Energy Policy and Regulation Director at Enagás, has held several leadership positions in the energy sector at European level. With 25 years' experience in the energy industry, he has specialised in gas and hydrogen regulation and energy policy. This Enagás executive has actively participated in various organisations in the sector and currently serves as a Board member in ENTSOG, EASEE-gas and GIE. Since the beginning of 2024, he has held the presidency of the Gas LNG Europe (GLE), the column of import terminals within GIE.

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