

## Madrid Forum Crucial in Europe's Response to Iran War

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This week's 40th Madrid Forum, in which Energy Traders Europe will play an active part, is key to managing Europe's response to the wars in Iran and Ukraine. As the only place where the Commission, Member States and important gas stakeholders meet, the Forum must focus on the crucial, common challenges which Europe is currently facing.

Energy Traders Europe calls on the forum to:

- Agree that harmonising implementation across Member States is the only way to ensure a safe and orderly phaseout of Russian gas.
- Recognise that amending the Methane Emissions Regulation is the only way to provide the legal certainty importers need if they are to replace Russian gas supplies.
- Make the recently published 'One Europe, One Market' roadmap a reality, by agreeing tangible plans to deepen, strengthen and simplify the Internal Gas market.

Mark Copley, CEO of Energy Traders Europe, said: "The Madrid forum has played an important role in steering the development of Europe's gas markets; now greater effort is needed to ensure Russian gas is robustly phased out. We must make it easy for the gas which will replace it to reach Europe, and focus on practical ways of strengthening the Internal Gas Market.

"As our recent [Integrate by '28 report](#) shows, the benefits of doing this are significant - for competitiveness, security of supply and cost-effective decarbonisation. Coordination, leadership and action are the critical success factors and Madrid is the perfect place to demonstrate them."

Notes: [See our interventions here](#)

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Energy Traders Europe is the voice of Europe's energy traders. We represent 160 member companies from across the continent, working to promote the role of energy traders in the European energy market.