

Press Release

STORE&GO political dinner at the Parliament in Brussels

Around 70 participants gathered in the European Parliament in Brussels on 3 December 2019 to discuss the future of the European energy system.

The central point of the discussions was above all the STORE&GO Power-to-Gas Roadmap, which was published for the first time and is based on the results of the largest European Power-to-Gas research project in Europe (STORE&GO) over the past four years.

The CEO (Dr. Gerald Linke) of DVGW (Deutscher Verein des Gas- und Wasserfaches) opened the event and welcomed the guests as well as the prominent keynote speakers. Afterwards Dr. Christian Ehler addressed his words to the guests and underlined the importance of providing climate-neutral hydrogen and methane for the future development of the European energy system. As the first keynote Stefan Moser (DG Energy) presented the view of the European Parliament regarding Power-to-Gas and an insight into the future vision for Europe.

The keynote speeches were rounded off by the presentation of the most important results and findings from the STORE&GO project by Prof. Dr. Trimis (Head of Engler-Bunte-Institute at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology) , Prof. Dr. Jepma (Honorary professor Energy and Sustainability, Faculty of Economics and Business and Global Economics & Management, University of Groningen) and Jachin Gorre (Project Manager, Institute of Energy Technology, University of Applied Sciences Rapperswil).

At the end of the evening, a consensus emerged that:

- Renewable gas has an indisputable role to play in the future energy system.
- Power-to-gas in combination with the already existing European gas infrastructure is essential for seasonal shift of renewable energy, energy transport & distribution as well as providing balancing services to the power grid.
- The power-to-gas technology is fit to enter the market, innovative technologies and processes could be demonstrated within STORE&GO.
- There is a need for further research with larger units and an adaptation of framework conditions and removal of market barriers for power-to-gas technologies.

In conclusion, it can be said that there was an intensive exchange among the participants of the political evening of STORE&GO and that the evening was a great success for the STORE&GO project and the whole energy industry.