

EU Methane regulation and frameworks under development

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#### CA TF Clean Air Task Force

- Leading international nonprofit
  organization
- 120+ global staff in 5 continents
- Methane Program since early 2000s
- 10+ Europe-based experts working on Methane Pollution Prevention projects
  - Policy Technical Expertise Legal
    - Focus on policy development





# **TODAY:**

Relationship methane-ozone

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Overview of the EU Methane Regulation



Impacting emissions inside and outside the EU



**Relevant frameworks** 



# Reducing methane reduces tropospheric ozone concentrations and associated impacts

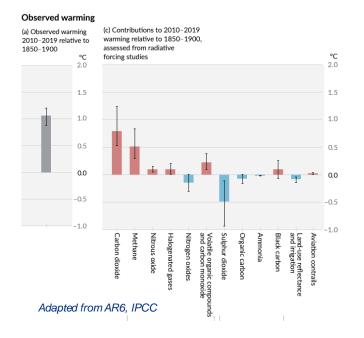
Globally man-made methane emissions are responsible every year for :

- About half a million annual ozone-attributed premature deaths
- 1.6 million asthma-related hospital visits
- Losses of 58 million tonnes of wheat, soybeans, maize and rice
- Losses of roughly 160 billion hours of work due to extreme heat

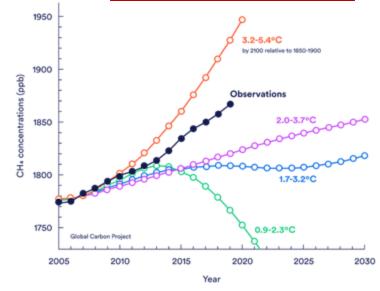




# Reducing methane is the fastest way to slow global warming



A 40% cut in methane emissions would reduce warming by 0.3°C by 2040

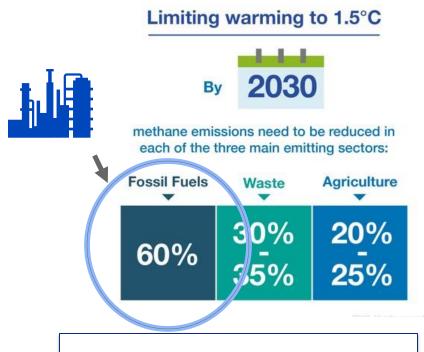


Sources: Saunois et al. 2020 ERL, Global Carbon Project; Observation line extended to reflect globally averaged marine surface annual mean data from NOAA.



Reducing emissions from the oil and gas sector is the cheapest and fastest way to slow down climate change in the short term

## **Quick action is needed!**



About 80% of methane emissions could be avoided with existing solutions, most at low or no cost



# **Overview of the Methane Regulation**

Articles 8, 9 & 12: Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV)

- Article 14, Annex I-II: Leak, Detection And Repair (LDAR), types, frequencies and characteristics
- Articles 15-16: Ban on venting and routine flaring except for specific situations
- Article 18: Inactive wells, inventory and mitigation plan for wells
- Articles 27-29: Imports, requirements, MRV equivalency and Methane Intensity



Articles 21-26: Mitigation of methane emissions from active underground coal mines

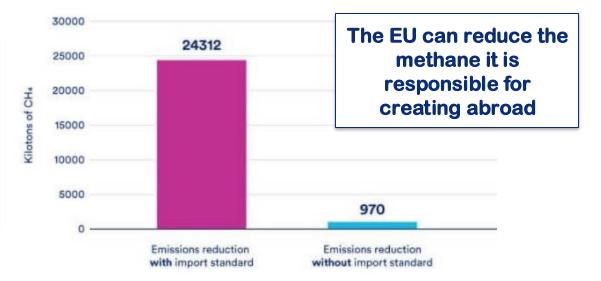
#### Article 33: Penalties



## Why an EU import standard? A historic opportunity to cut up to a third of O&G emissions

#### **EU Buying Power:**

#### The EU imports 90% of its gas & 97% of its oil



#### **Emissions Reduction Potential of EU Methane Regulation**

# Imports: oil, gas and coal

**2025:** From 9 Months of entry into force, importers must provide data to **transparency database**.

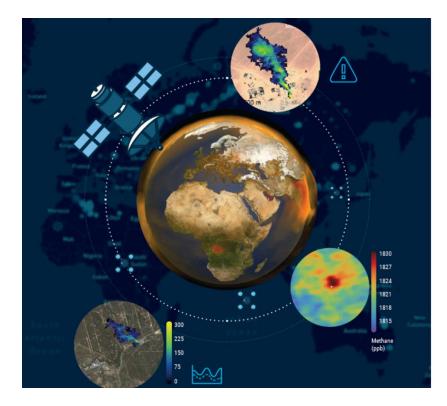
**2027:** All oil, gas and coal imports must meet the EU's rules for **monitoring, reporting and verifying emissions**.

2030: All imports must be below a maximum methane intensity threshold.

\*CATF developed an impact analysis with Rystad here.



# Article 31: MARS (Methane Alert and Response System) from UNEP is already notifying operators of all large methane plumes detected

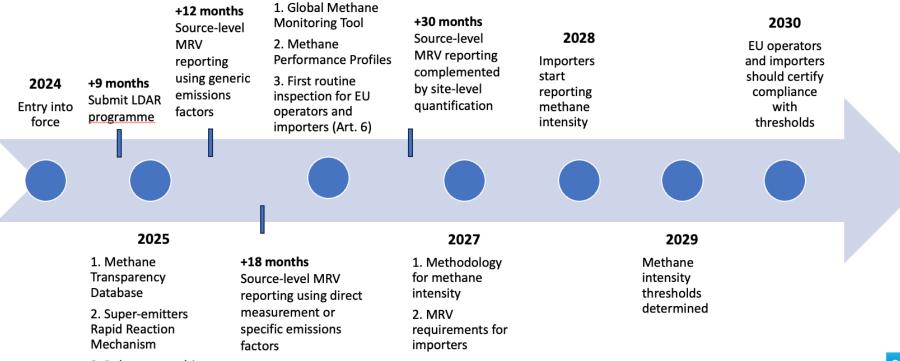


#### MARS HAS FOUR COMPONENTS



## **Implementation Timeline**

#### 2026



3. Rules on penalties

### Measurement, Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MMRV) Frameworks for O&G contain vast technical guidance

#### LEVEL 1 LEVEL 3 LEVEL 2 MMRV Framework Venture/Asset Emissions Generic Emission Reporting Source Level MMRV Category Framework ocumenta **Digital Repository Conformity Assessment** Documentary (Accreditation & Standard / Registry Attestation) Requirements LEVEL 4 LEVEL 5 Supply Chain Attestation **Specific Emission** Level 4 + Site Level Measurement Non-measured Source Level Reconciliation **Operational Data Emissions Data** STANDARD Measuremen Attestation(s) Measured Data aligned to Operational Data

OGMP 2.0 Framework (UNEP)

#### MMRV Framework (US-DOE - under development)



# **Global Methane Pledge**

- EU & USA launched it at COP26.
- By 2024, 158 countries signed it.
- Goal of limiting warming to  $1.5\,^\circ\text{C}$
- Reduce global methane at least 30% from 2020 levels by 2030.
- There are challenges related to funding and its governance framework.

# **Global Methane Forum**

- Brings together global thought and industry leaders
- Promotes methane mitigation successes
- Mobilizes action to achieve reductions







# The EU Methane Regulation in conjunction with methane emission frameworks contribute to:

#### Reduce ozone precursors and GHG concentrations.



Air quality benefits:

- public health
- vegetation



Climate benefit:

• reducing global warming





# Thank you for your attention!

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