

**PRESS RELEASE:
EUROGAS WELCOMES THE 9TH EU-RUSSIA INDUSTRIALISTS ROUND TABLE
COOPERATIVE SPIRIT**

In the context of the Lisbon meeting of the 9th EU-Russia Industrialists Round Table, Eurogas wishes to reiterate its support to a rapid reactivation of a constructive energy dialogue with Russia.

Eurogas is convinced that such a dialogue aiming at an improved level playing field can develop only on basis of mutual confidence, mutual respect, on pragmatism and ambition.

Due to their importance, energy and natural gas issues should be addressed on their own merits, in a climate of reciprocity, mutual benefit and partnership.

As outlined during the Round Table, priority areas in the energy sector should include expansion of cooperation on energy sector regulation and the development of principles to formulate coordinated rules and procedures relating to export supplies of gas, access to energy markets and gas transportation, investments into gas production, transportation and distribution.

Eurogas will pursue its efforts, both at policy and technical levels e.g. through the joint experts groups of the EU-Russia dialogue.
