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# The European Commission interview: Dr Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, director, internal energy market

**With the decarbonisation agenda now blazing a trail through European energy policy and legislation, gas infrastructure operators have been left wondering how they can prevent their assets from becoming stranded in a march towards full electrification of the system. In an exclusive interview, the European Commission's director of the internal energy market, Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, a powerful advocate for sector coupling, tells Gas Matters how he envisages gas' role in decarbonised Europe, and how the EU's internal energy market rules could be adapted to facilitate investment in low-carbon gas.**



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