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# **Investing in Impact** 8/9 April 2025 Beurs van Berlage

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### **Investing in Impact**

The 2025 REC Market Meeting will take place at a time when businesses and governments are planning for the next decade of climate action. Public and private bodies are implementing their climate and energy programmes targeting 2030, and we already know that they will not be enough. By 2040, most of the world, and certainly all industrialised countries, will need to be entirely decarbonised. As we shift our focus to the next decade, we should all ask ourselves whether we are investing enough in efforts that safeguard the environment, society, and the economy.

At RMM2025, RECS, our sponsors, supporting associations, and all delegates will contribute to answering this question. We will unite to demand that renewable energy markets invest in the solutions we need to benefit ourselves and our planet.



### A record of success

The REC Market Meeting has been a resounding success for well over a decade. Each year, we have seen an increase in the number of delegates attending the event, and in 2024, we filled our largest venue yet. We anticipate RMM2025 to be even bigger as renewable markets continue to grow and the conference offers even more. We are confident that the upcoming conference will be the best one yet. Therefore, we urge you to book your spot without delay!







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### **Programme overview**

Building on the success of previous years, we plan to maximise the space offered by the Beurs van Berlage for the conference by **including a complete renewable gas stream in our programme.** The streams will provide sessions for delegates with varying levels of experience, including deep dives for experts, overview sessions for those looking to learn more, and introductory sessions for those who are new to renewable energy markets. By incorporating a renewable gas stream, we are confident that we will address subjects that appeal to the interests of a greater number of delegates from more countries than ever before. During the parallel sessions that take place between the opening and closing keynote speeches, each session will examine how markets can facilitate significant investments in renewable energy. The goal is to drive crucial reductions in emissions. Buy your ticket today to join the largest gathering of renewable energy market participants worldwide!

### Stream A Deep dive sessions

Designed for experienced professionals in the renewables market, these sessions will provide in-depth coverage of specific regulatory and market topics. Delegates will have the opportunity to get answers to their most challenging questions.

### Stream B Overview sessions

These sessions are designed to help delegates gain a better understanding of a particular market or regulatory development. The sessions will provide an introduction, followed by insights into how these topics may develop in the future.

### Stream C Renewable gas

EAC (Energy Attribute Certificates) markets are expanding rapidly, with particular growth in the area of renewable gases. RMM25 will include a dedicated stream that focuses on exploring the history, current status and future prospects of renewable gas markets. We offer the C-stream sessions in close collaboration with ERGaR, the European Renewable Gas Registry.

### Stream D EACs in practice

We have specifically designed these sessions to provide valuable information for delegates who are new to the renewable energy market. The sessions offer clear explanations of essential elements and provide a safe space for asking questions. We offer the D-stream sessions in close collaboration with EKOenergy.

# O<br/>NOPre-conference<br/>academy sessionsMonday 7 April 2025 / 14:00-17:00

Please note that tickets for the pre-conference academy sessions are sold separately from the conference tickets for € 350 excluding VAT.

### Academy 1 Energy tracking systems around the world

Delegates will learn about the three main energy tracking systems: European Guarantees of Origin, North American RECs, and the global I-REC. This session will tailor itself to the needs and interests of the attending delegates. It will cover introductory information where necessary and delve into greater depth and detail as requested. The discussion will cover the size and value of the primary energy certificate markets, the distinct regulations and practices of these certificate systems and markets, and the methods used to monitor the environmental impact of products that move between them.

### Academy 2 Modernising energy tracking systems

During this academy session, delegates will receive a detailed overview of how energy tracking systems currently function from issuance through registries to cancellations. Expert speakers will explain why many current energy tracking systems need modernising, and how we could and should achieve that modernisation. This session will help delegates prepare for the future of renewable energy markets considering the growing demands they face, which include rising volumes and prices.

### Academy 3 Full disclosure and other policies to drive impact

RECS Energy Certificate Association has been developing, analysing, and advocating for EAC markets on behalf of our members for over 20 years. In this session, the Association's leaders will present their policy priorities for the future development of mature EAC markets. Those attending this session will have the opportunity to gain a comprehensive understanding of RECS' policy platform, with special emphasis on its flagship policy demand of full consumption disclosure (FCD). During the session, RECS experts will cover other topics such as supporting effective purchasing decisions, transitioning to monthly disclosure periods, and ensuring timestamping on all Energy Attribute Certificates.

### Academy 4 Designing GO systems for heating and cooling

Through this session, delegates can learn about the design and development of GO systems for heating and cooling. Energy systems are not limited to tracking the attributes of renewable electricity. There is a growing requirement and desire to track all forms of energy generation and carriers. Attendees of this session will gain valuable insights from industry experts who will outline the fundamental principles of GO systems for heating and cooling. The speakers in this session will also explain the legal, procedural, and technical implementation options for these emergent schemes.

### Academy 5 Renewable energy buyer's basics

Empowering energy consumers with the necessary knowledge and confidence to purchase renewable energy is a fundamental part of RECS' mission as the world's largest association for participants in renewable energy markets. In this session, which energy buyers (RE100 companies) can attend free of charge, delegates will learn the basics of buying renewable energy. Topics include different procurement models, voluntary and mandatory disclosure rules, and various certificate types and their supplementary labels. In short, this will be a crash course for anyone thinking of going renewable. This session will be particularly interesting for employees of RE100 companies who will also have the opportunity to attend the main conference at a considerable discount.

### Other pre-conference academy sessions

The conference organisers may include additional pre-conference academy sessions in the programme closer to the date of the conference. Delegates who hold a ticket to a pre-conference academy session can transfer it to a different pre-conference session without incurring any additional charges.

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### Tuesday 8 April 2025

### 09:30-11:00 Keynote session 1

### Investing in impact What can renewable energy markets achieve?

Renewable energy markets and energy attribute certificates have long proven their ability to track the ownership of energy attributes robustly and reliably from producer to consumer. By doing this, they enable consumers to choose the type of energy they prefer to purchase and also give renewable generators supplementary income. But what more could, and should, they be doing? In this session, a panel of industry experts will make the case for investing in impact, not only for renewables, but also for people and the planet.

### 11:30–12:30 Parallel session 2A

### Deep dive Is reshaping EU renewable markets necessary?

European renewable energy markets have been through a turbulent time in recent years. From regulatory changes to price fluctuations and from accusations of greenwashing to proposals for radical reform. During this session, speakers who are knowledgeable and experienced will discuss if the current approach of making incremental improvements in Europe's renewable energy markets is enough or if we need to completely reshape these markets to achieve their potential impact.

### 11:30–12:30 Parallel session 2B

#### **Overview**

## Are consumers driving renewable energy markets?

During this session, expert speakers will discuss whether consumers are contributing enough towards promoting the growth of renewables through energy attribute markets. Ours is a market with a mission – to help drive the energy transition, cut emissions, and tackle climate change. Although all markets must be economically sound, renewables markets have the potential to provide social and environmental advantages. Can consumers shape the market or does the market shape them? Alternatively, should legislators implement further regulations to ensure that renewables markets meet our shared objectives?

### 11:30–12:30 Parallel session 2C

### Renewable gas Biomethane certification and GOs: what is next?

The biomethane certification process can appear complicated due to the existence of multiple certificates serving different objectives. There are Guarantees of Origin (GOs), Proofs of Sustainability (PoS), and in some countries, national certificates. Understanding the roles and differences of each certificate can be challenging, especially for those who are new to the market. In this session, expert speakers will introduce the different biomethane attribute certificates and explain the practical aspects of how to use them. The panel will discuss how market participants and regulators could further develop this important sector.

### 11:30-12:30 Parallel session 2D

#### Understanding the basics

## How are energy certificates issued and why?

This session aims to introduce newcomers to renewable electricity markets to the fundamental concept of attribute tracking. Specifically, speakers in this session will explain why attribute tracking is important and will cover the first step in the process: how electricity certificates are issued. This session will kick-start the D-stream and prepare participants for the following sessions by laying the foundation for tracking energy attributes.





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### 12:30–14:00 Networking lunch

### 14:00-15:00 Parallel session 3A

### Deep dive How will Full consumption disclosure drive the transition?

Full consumption disclosure is RECS' primary policy demand for the future of renewable energy markets, and for good reason. Providing complete information about the energy we use promotes transparency, enabling consumers to make informed choices and creating a level playing field for all types of energy. Delegates attending this session will learn how full disclosure can shift energy demand from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources. This shift in demand will help drive the energy transition by empowering consumers.

### 14:00–15:00 Parallel session 3B

### Overview Is India's renewable energy market on track for success?

India is a vast country, with a population of almost 1.5 billion people, and it is home to a rich diversity of cultures and communities. Maintaining the economy that Indian society relies on currently requires a substantial amount of coal power. Unfortunately, this has contributed to a 180% increase in India's emissions over the past 20 years. Therefore, India and the rest of the world face the challenge of rapidly transitioning the country to renewable energy sources. During this session, a panel of specialists will explore whether India's renewable energy market is on track for success.

### 14:00–15:00 Parallel session 3C Renewable gas Biomethane volumes and prices

The biomethane market can be difficult to understand due to various certificates, an uncoordinated European market, and constantly changing support schemes in each country. During this session, delegates will gain key insights into the recent developments in biomethane volumes and prices over the past year. Experts will explain the major trends that we have already observed as well as highlight upcoming changes that may impact the future.

### 14:00–15:00 Parallel session 3D Understanding the basics How are energy certificates traded?

The second D-stream session introduces another crucial aspect of EAC systems and markets – the way market participants trade energy certificates. Attending delegates will learn about bundled and unbundled trades, commodities, products, various market facilitators, and the challenges these market participants are facing now and may face in the future. If you are new to buying or selling EACs, this is the perfect place to learn how the market operates.

> 15:00–15:30 Coffee break



### **Tuesday 8 April 2025**

### 15:30-16:30 Parallel session 4A

### **Deep dive**

# Will growing renewable hydrogen markets interact effectively?

Policymakers in the EU and other regions are setting ambitious goals for the development of 'green' hydrogen. Meeting these targets for growth will require vast quantities of renewable energy. However, relying solely on current sources of generation could lead to a situation where 'green' hydrogen producers crowd out other consumers of renewable energy. How will the rapidly growing renewable hydrogen markets fit into the larger context of the energy transition? Can we efficiently manage the production and trade of renewable hydrogen across diverse markets? Join us in this session to uncover the answers to these pressing questions and more.

### 15:30–16:30 Parallel session 4B

### **Overview**

# Do impact labels drive corporate procurement?

To demonstrate their commitment to making impactful investments, buyers of renewable energy can opt to purchase Energy Attribute Certificates (EACs) with added labels indicating specific social or environmental benefits. Participants will explore whether these labels help to drive corporate procurement decisions and, if so, how they shape these choices. During this session, delegates will learn about the functionality of EAC labels, their significance in the renewable energy markets, and whether they can enhance the voluntary procurement of renewable energy by generating additional impacts.

### 15:30–16:30 Parallel session 4C

### Renewable gas How will the EU's Union Database impact the market?

Energy market participants anticipate that the Union Database (UDB) will bring significant changes to how biomethane Proofs of Sustainability (PoS) are tracked. The use of IT infrastructure by the UDB will shift biomethane PoS trading from primarily relying on email exchanges to potentially involving a complex and challenging system to navigate. Those who attend this session will gain valuable insights from industry insiders, helping them to understand the current status of the UDB and its expected impact on the renewable gas market.

### 15:30–16:30 Parallel session 4D

Understanding the basics

## How are energy certificates used and why?

During this session, speakers will provide additional information about energy certificates to D-stream participants who have already learned the basics of issuing and trading Energy Attribute Certificates (EACs). This session will explain who uses these certificates, their motives for doing so, and the significant impact these decisions can have on energy markets. In addition, the experienced presenters of the session will discuss the distinctions between EACs and other environmental tools, such as carbon offsets. That concludes the first day of sessions introducing the fundamentals of Energy Attribute Certificates.

#### 17:00–17:30 Keynote session 5

### Investing in impact RECS' market leadership

During our traditional review session at the end of Day 1, the RECS leadership team will reflect on the conference thus far, with a particular focus on the central theme of 'investing in impact'. The speakers will also review a dynamic and exciting year in energy certificate markets before looking ahead to the possibility of more change to come. We will inform delegates of the significant accomplishments of RECS on behalf of its members during the past year as well as the organisation's plans and objectives for the future. This high-level session ends Day 1 of the conference and aims to provide plenty of topics for conversation during the evening's social events.

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### 09:00-10:00 Parallel session 6A

### Deep dive European EAC volumes and prices

The volumes and prices session has consistently been the best-attended part of previous REC Market Meetings. Building on this success, we will continue to provide illuminating market insights for conference delegates. This session will focus exclusively on the European market and speakers will share their expectations for GO volumes and prices over the next 12 months. Delegates attending this session will get a clear overview of the state of the market and the certificates that underpin it.

### 09:00-10:00 Parallel session 6B

### Overview

# Is there a growing need for standard EAC contracts?

EAC markets continue to grow in volume and prices continue to fluctuate. In highly dynamic markets, even experienced market participants can become overwhelmed by the plethora of options available to buyers and sellers alike. During this session, legal and business experts will discuss the necessity and advantages of using standardised contracts like the ones that RECS provides to its members for EECS, GOs, European biomethane, and I-REC. Delegates who attend this session will learn how to use these contracts and how they can facilitate the development of renewable energy markets.

### 09:00-10:00 Parallel session 6C

### Renewable gas Is EU policy sufficient to reach the 35bcm target?

EU leaders have set an ambitious goal to produce 35bcm of biomethane annually by 2030. Those attending this session will learn whether the current plans at both the EU and national levels are sufficient to achieve this goal. Experienced speakers will discuss the current measures in place and those planned for the future, providing an overview of how they expect biomethane markets to develop, and the role of these markets in the energy transition.

### 09:00-10:00 Parallel session 6D

### Understanding the basics Where do certificate schemes start and end?

Just as energy markets cover different geographies and jurisdictions, so do their related energy attribute certificate schemes and markets. In this session, expert speakers will define the boundaries of these markets, explain how and why they are established, and discuss the ways in which they can affect the consumption, production, and trade of renewable energy. During the session, delegates will learn about time limitations for certificates, including their validity and expiration periods.

10:00-10:30 Coffee break





### 10:30–11:30 Parallel session 7A

### Deep dive Global EAC volumes and prices

While session 6A focused solely on European volumes and prices, this session (7A) will examine the development of renewables markets around the world. Speakers in this session will be able to provide details on existing factors influencing prices and volumes in different regions, including their expectations for certificates such as US RECS and I-RECs. This session may be of particular interest for delegates who want to learn more about renewables markets outside of Europe.

### 10:30–11:30 Parallel session 7B

### Overview What could change in the Greenhouse Gas Protocol?

The review and potential revision of the Greenhouse Gas Protocol is finally in full swing. Has there been any increase in clarity or certainty regarding the potential impact of these changes on EAC systems and global markets? During this session, experts will inform delegates about the latest developments in the review process, including the proposals for changes that are currently under active consideration. Additionally, this session's speakers will discuss the prospects for the future of this important initiative.

### 10:30-11:30 Parallel session 7C

### Renewable gas What rules should biomethane support mechanisms follow?

Different countries support biomethane production and consumption in different ways. There are a variety of options available, from subsidies to blending obligations, each with its advantages and challenges. This session will focu s on the current support mechanisms in place in some of the key national markets, and experts' expectations for the future. Those attending this session will gain insights into the lessons from countries that have supported biomethane production and learn valuable lessons from their successes and challenges.

### 10:30–11:30 Parallel session 7D

### Understanding the basics Which tools can help consumers shape EAC markets?

During the final session of the D-stream series on the basics of energy attribute certificate markets and systems, experts will provide an in-depth exploration of additional labels, tools and services that can amplify the impact of renewable energy markets. During the event, delegates will gain an understanding of how both producers and consumers can use various tools to facilitate, shape and enhance the role of renewable markets in expediting the transition towards clean energy.

#### 12:00–13:00 Keynote session 8

### Investing in impact Are voluntary markets enough?

If you didn't spend too much time networking and instead attended the **sessions**, you will have probably noticed that our focus was on how renewable energy markets can drive impactful investments. During this final keynote session, delegates will engage in a lively, electrifying debate on whether a voluntary approach is sufficient for most renewables markets, or if stronger mandates are necessary. Should regulators mandate the consumption of renewables? Should EU law require energy producers to invest in renewables? Delegates will leave the conference brimming with insightful ideas, feeling inspired to make their mark and motivated to return in 2026!

### 13:00–14:30 Networking lunch

### **End of Meeting**

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### VENUE

The REC Market Meeting 2025 will take place at:

**Beurs van Berlage** Damrak 243 1012 ZJ Amsterdam The Netherlands T +31 (0) 20 - 530 41 41

Together with Beurs van Berlage, we have arranged for several hotels to offer discounted prices to delegates wanting to stay in the Amsterdam area during the conference. Discounted hotel rooms are available; go to our www.recmarket.eu for more information.





For more than 20 years, RECS has been dedicated to expediting the shift to renewable energy by supporting the procurement of renewable energy through trustworthy, dependable, and transparent markets. **Energy Attribute Certificates** (EACs) are an important means by which we can fulfil this vision.

At RECS, we support the development of both existing and new EAC markets around the world. We collaborate with various stakeholders, such as government bodies, market participants, and consumers, to equip them with the necessary knowledge and information to enhance the demand for renewable energy. RECS (formerly **RECS International) works** to provide the knowledge. motivation and confidence needed to buy 100% renewable energy.

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