

Lobbyist

Date Published

Gas Networks Ireland

20 May, 2026

Public Policy Area

Relevant Matter

Period

Energy and Natural Resources Public policy or programme 1 Jan, 2026 to 30 Apr, 2026

Specific Details

Results you intend to secure

Briefed Minister O'Brien on the progress being made in the biomethane in transport space and the policy challenge to delivery.

Policy support for biomethane in transport

Name of person primarily responsible for lobbying on this activity

David Kelly

Is or was there any Designated Public Officials or former Designated Public Officials who carried out lobbying activities related to this return on your behalf?

No

Are you managing or directing a grass roots campaign?

What is the directive you gave to the grassroots campaigners?

No

Was this lobbying done on behalf of a client?

No

Lobbying activity

Meeting (1) Support for biomethane in transport

Designated public officials lobbied

Darragh O'Brien

Minister

Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment

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Deputy O'Donoghue visited GNI's offices where a briefing was provided on biomethane and the opportunities and challenges the industry face

Policy support for biomethane

Name of person primarily responsible for lobbying on this activity

Christina van der Kamp

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Meeting (1) This meeting took place at GNI's office in Dublin. The purpose of the meeting was to secure policy support for biomethane

Designated public officials lobbied

Robert O'Donoghue

TD

Dáil Éireann, the Oireachtas

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Met to discuss GNI policy priorities for EU Presidency Policy alignment for EU Presidency

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Meeting (1) Support for GNI's Policy priorities for EU Presidency

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Aine Doyle

Special Adviser

Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment

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Amendment sought to the category of registrable burdens to include GNI wayleaves

Amendment sought to the category of registrable burdens to include GNI wayleaves created before date of first registration of the land in the Land Registry, due to safety risk arising (subsequent landowners & developers unaware of existence of gas pipeline on land) from the gap in the registration rules. GNI engaged with Fintan Towey in the Department of Housing on the legislative changes sought.

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Emer Walsh

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Email (1)

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Fintan Towey

Assistant Secretary

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

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EU definition of Strategic Storage being widened to include Floating Storage and Regasification Unit

EU definition of Strategic Storage being widened to include FSRU

Name of person primarily responsible for lobbying on this activity

Con O'Donnell

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Lobbying activity

Meeting (1)

Designated public officials lobbied

Lisa Underwood

Permanent Representative of Ireland to the European Union

Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment

Rob McGuinness

Permanent Representative of Ireland to the European Union

Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment