

GGCS Oversight Panel Meeting 14th May 2026 Minutes – DRAFT

Start: 14:00 GMT

1. Introduction and housekeeping - Sue Ellwood

2. Actions, minutes and matters arising from last meeting – Jesse Scharf

Minutes circulated without any comments received.

No actions arising from last meeting.

3. Market and Scheme Update

Jesse Scharf (JS) presented Q1 2026 figures for scheme membership, RGGO issuing and cancellation/export.

Lily Maris (LM) presented key findings from the GGCS 2025 Annual Report - <https://www.greengas.org.uk/news/2025-annual-report-released>

Withdrawal Report

JS said that Q1 2026 had seen a large number of withdrawals but half were linked back to complications at a particular plant. They remained related to energy source apportionment error and ISCC labels.

Sanctions

No Level 4a sanction has been applied in the last three months.

We have continued to issue Official Warnings to producers who make mistakes in their Production Declarations.

Scheme Auditing

JS said that the external audit (covering Oct 2025 to Sep 2026) had found that GGCS was adhering to our management system and scheme rules.

New DVS requirement

JS set out the new DVS requirement around methane leakage, highlighting the risk that biomethane may not be a Green Gas according to the Scheme Rules and the high level of scrutiny from government regarding leakage.

DVS will now require information on producers Methane Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) activity if significant methane leaks are identified RGGOs may not be issued, or if already issued could be withdrawn.

A further update will be given at the November 2026 Oversight Panel with details of the information that comes to light from DVS submitted over the summer.

See slides for further details.

4. Tackling Methane Leakage during biomethane production – Christopher Leonard, QLM Technology

CL presented the technology which his company can provide for leakage detection. He set out that

- Has been challenging to identify and measure leaks on-site.
- CH₄ is 25-80x more potent than CO₂ for warming.
- New LiDAR laser attuned to methane molecules can address this and has been used extensively in the US, especially at oil & gas sites.

See slides for further details.

5. Achieving ISCC Certification as a biomethane producer - Robin Askey – Envirosense.

Robin provided a '101'-style summary of the ISCC EU certification process.

There are differences in GHG emission calculations with NDRHI and GGSS looking quarter by quarter and ISCC takes the previous year's average GHG values.

A panel member queried whether intermediate/rotational crops would be recognised withing a PoS. RA considers it should still be eligible as it should still be on the material list. Otherwise, you can apply to add it.

A member asked about the requirement for Proof of Flow and whether anyone could confirm if this was necessary? JS said that ISCC recently issued some guidance and confirmed you must be physically trading the gas alongside the PoS. RA said that in another recent communication they had reintroduced an element of uncertainty.

See slides for further details.

6. ERGaR Policy Update – Christos Anastasios Tzagkas

A pre-recorded presentation was shown to meeting. Slides are in the circulated deck.

Topics covered

- RED Revision
- Union Database for biofuels (UDB)
- Status of ERGaR CoO Scheme
- GHGP Revision
- FeulEU Maritime and IMO Net Zero Framework
- EC responses to national support schemes

See slides for further details.

7. REA and GGCS Policy Updates

JS relayed information on REA policy work including

- Future support framework
- Green Gas Taskforce activities
- REA on-farm AD working group
- Lobbying efforts/site visits (GGCS members operating plants are invited to volunteer to host MP site visits)

JS relayed information on GGCS policy work including

- GHGP Scope 2 updates
- Actions and Market Instruments working group activities
- UK ETS, green tariffs
- Upcoming events

Date of Next Meeting: Autumn 2026 online, date to be confirmed

Meeting Closed