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## Amici della Terra: Positive Assessment on Methane Emissions Reduction in the NECP Proposal

**Monica Tommasi:** *"The importance of reducing methane emissions and the need to address those associated with natural gas imports has been recognized and this is crucial to the energy transition"*

Rome, July 3rd 2023 - "Amici della Terra welcome the recognition, in the updated PNIEC proposal sent by MASE to the EU Commission, of the importance of reducing methane emissions and the need to address those associated with natural gas imports crucial to the energy transition," **stated Monica Tommasi**, President of Amici della Terra. The topic is addressed in pages 167-170 of the document sent by Italian Ministry for Environment and Energy Safety to Bruxelles.

According to Amici della Terra, Italy can play a leading role in this area, thanks to the pioneering work conducted by the working group for methane emissions reduction in the natural gas sector, promoted in collaboration with the [Environmental Defense Fund Europe](#) (EDFE) and involving the main associations and companies in the sector over the past two years.

The main outcome of the [working group](#) is the document ***Indirizzi per una Strategia italiana di riduzione delle emissioni di metano della filiera del gas naturale***, the updated version for 2022 of which was presented at a [dedicated event](#) on last December 21st at the Italian Parliament. The document referred to by the PNIEC can be found at this link: <https://bit.ly/3WtV3A6>.

In the final version of the PNIEC, to be submitted to the European Commission in the second half of 2024, it will be important to include achievable 2030 targets for further improvement in methane emissions reduction shared in the document presented by associations and companies in the natural gas sector in Italy. However, it will be crucial for Italy to implement cooperative actions with gas supplier countries to reduce the emission intensity of imported gas, which is several times higher than that produced domestically.