



## Liquid Gas Europe statement on COVID-19

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The distribution of LPG plays a vital role for European citizens, the local businesses and SMEs, in ensuring essential services are maintained, particularly off the gas grid and in rural communities. Tens of millions of households in Europe, predominantly located in rural and remote areas, rely on the supply of LPG in bulk and cylinders to warm their homes, heat their water and cook their meals.

Apart from the residential sector, LPG and bioLPG are also an essential source of energy for a wide range of crucial sectors such as hospitals, healthcare facilities, care homes, agriculture, food processing, metered distributed systems, and key manufacturing industries.

The coronavirus (COVID-19) is affecting all of us, and the LPG industry is adapting to these challenging conditions. A majority of EU member states have currently listed LPG distribution as an essential service, and the employees in charge of those deliveries as key workers. With the health and safety of our customers and staff as a top priority, our companies strive to keep supplying energy to the consumers who need it most, thanks to robust precautionary measures and a committed and professional workforce.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, the national LPG associations have been disseminating guiding principles for their members, defined in close collaboration with public health authorities. Further, companies are strictly adhering to national guidelines in order to mitigate risk when responding to serve customers and to ensure the safety of their employees.

If you have any questions about how the LPG industry is adapting to this rapidly-evolving environment, please contact Sara Vargas, Communications Officer, [sara.vargas@liquidgaseurope.eu](mailto:sara.vargas@liquidgaseurope.eu)