



UKOPA Member Meeting 2024

Competition Law reminder

“This is a meeting of competitors and competition law must be strictly adhered to both during the meeting and any breaks. Discussion should be limited to the items on the agenda, which was circulated beforehand. There should be no discussion on sharing of commercially sensitive information such as price, costs, markets, investments. Should the discussion stray onto potentially sensitive topics you should object and insist that the discussion is immediately stopped.”

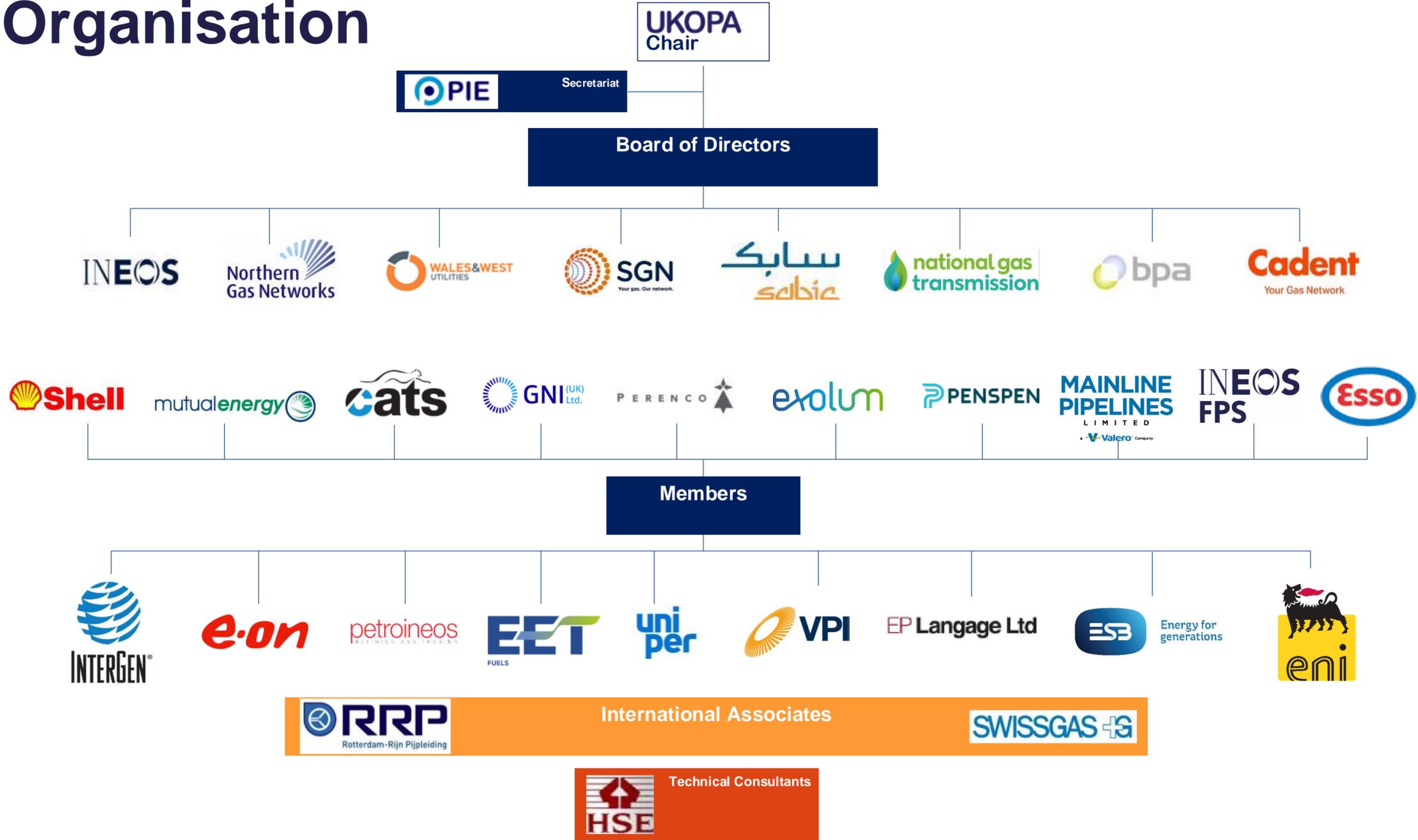
GDPR reminder

Is everyone happy:

With their name being added to the minutes?

Their photos being taken and possibly used in social media and website posts

UKOPA Organisation



UKOPA overview

UKOPA is an industry group comprised of UK onshore pipeline operators

UKOPA exists to provide the recognised and authoritative view of UK pipeline operators on strategic issues relating to safety management, operations and integrity management of hydrocarbon pipelines. It seeks to effectively influence the development and implementation of pipeline related legislation and standards for the mutual benefit of all stakeholders

Produces Good Practice Guides and Technical Bulletins and carries out research to support the industry



Agenda

Agenda Day 1 – Aging Assets and Inspection Techniques

#		Who
1	Welcome	Charles Okereafor
2	UKOPA Board update to members	Board Update
3	Crack susceptibility	Rosen
4	GEEP update	
5	NUAR from pipeline operators perspective	Cadent
6	Learning from other industries Inspection techniques	Peter Lyons
7	Fault & Risk Working group update	
8	External stakeholders pipeline rates	Clive Zanker
9	H, S & E Issues and UKOPA Sharing	Everyone

Agenda Day 2 – Aging Assets and Inspection Techniques

#a		Who
1	Welcome & review of day 1	Charles Oreakfor
2	Update from Emergency Planning and Resilience Working Group	John Madden
3	Update from Process Safety Working Group. Inc sharing of Process Safety related learning briefs	John Ferrari
4	Update by HSE	Nikki Barker
5	HSE Welding update	Walt Doxford/ David Glass
6	Update from Infringement Working Group	Carl Scott
	Break	
6	Update from Pipeline Integrity Working Group	Tim Rudd
7	Update from Corrosion Prevention Working Group	Adrian Wathen / Matthew Emery
8	Governance Group update	Barry Dalus
9	AGI inspections	Stephen Newton
10	Comms and Website update	Kirsty McDermott / Louis Hill, Source PR
11	Board thanks, 2025 Dates and Venues of Meetings/Activities	Clive Zanker & Nikki Barker
	Lunch at 12.30pm	

UKOPA

United Kingdom Onshore Pipeline Operators' Association

2. UKOPA Board Update

www.ukopa.co.uk

Board Update

29 member companies, 9 board members

Chair - Darren Thomas → Clive Zanker

Vice Chair Darren Thomas (Simon Joyce 2026 on)

Working Group Chairs

The Fault & Risk - Martin Davey

Pipeline Integrity – Richard Price

Decision: Vendor compliance systems

Administration is relatively significant, UKOPA is not an organisation with employees, management systems and policies these procurement processes check. UKOPA Board do not think this is appropriate.

Board Update

Interface with the HSE in 2024

- UKOPA input for HSE regulatory model for major accident hazard assets including common failure modes; third party interference, corrosion, material defects, ground movement, fatigue
- Mapped where UKOPA provides Good Practice Guides, reports or technical bulletins.
- Met with HSE Pipelines Inspectorate (PSR) Martin Wayland in November, update UKOPA's activities and the HSE's restructuring

PERO

Delivered at Moreton in Marsh – Fire Training College

Good value & stability

Future focus on emergency management

Wider industry engagement

Pipeline Technical Conference (Berlin, May 2025)

Simon Joyce representing UKOPA, topics include

- Women in engineering & pipeline industry
- Repurposing pipelines for Nitrogen
- Maintenance

Pipeline & Pigging Integrity Management (international event 2026)

UKOPA submitting abstract for inclusion in the 2026 event

PhD and MSC's

3-year pipeline research program with Swansea University

UKOPA Communications

Networks with member organisations' PR teams, article about UKOPA for sharing
LinkedIn & Website Developments

Helping with Infringement Working Group

yellow wellies !



Finances

Membership Fee £8300 for 2025

26 member companies invoiced, of those 8 paid, 3 outstanding

Although surplus gaining interest, now being eroded

- Inflation
- More work being delivered
- UKOPA provide insurance for events.

Annual membership fees for 2026 will increase to £9300

Upcoming UKOPA events

26th / 27th February 2025 Board and Members Meeting – inspection techniques and innovation. Here now!

14/15th May 2025 Technical Seminar – Net Zero and future developments

Newcastle (Cophthorne Hotel) BOOK YOUR OWN ROOM for 14th (Dinner in the hotel)

Coaches to/ from Spadeadam only - spaces are limited – no show means someone else misses out

8th / 9th October Board and Members Meeting – Pipeline hazards & resilience. Location Midlands, venue TBC

November HSE liaison meeting - TBC