

Press Release

The North West European Gas Transmission System Operators publish their Gas Regional Investment Plan

The North West European Transmission System Operators (TSOs) have published their Gas Regional Investment Plan 2013-2022 (NW GRIP 2013). It is the second edition of this regional statement on long-term gas infrastructure development and related topics. The NW GRIP 2013 is the first of six Gas Regional Investment Plans to be published by TSOs in the coming months.

The NW GRIP 2013 provides an overview of all relevant developments in the region and specifically focuses on projects that will have a direct impact on the capacity at the internal and external borders of the region. It thus provides further information to shippers about which projects could provide additional capacity in the region.

Annie Krist, ENTSOG board member and managing director of Gasunie Transport Services said: *"This GRIP is the result of close cooperation between the TSOs in the nine countries which are covered in the North West European region. This continued cooperation between the TSOs has spanned the past few decades and is evident in the day-to-day operations of the gas network in this region."*

The North West European TSOs are proud to present the NW GRIP 2013. A consultation document has also been published in collaboration with NW GRIP 2013 and we invite all stakeholders to give their feedback on this document to help develop it further. The content of this GRIP will be presented to stakeholders during the ENTSOG GRIP workshop to be held on November 26th in Brussels and on the meeting of the Gas Regional Initiative Northwest (GRI NW) that will be held in Stockholm on November 28th. We hope that you will be able to attend either of these meetings.

This NW GRIP 2013, including the consultation document is available at <http://www.entsog.eu/publications/gas-regional-investment-plan-grips#NORTH-WEST> and on TSOs websites.

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Editorial notes

- > In line with Art. 12(1) of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, TSOs are to publish a Regional Investment Plan every two years.
- > The European Network of Transmission System Operators (ENTSOG) was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009. It currently comprises 42 members and three Associated Partners from 25 EU countries, and four Observers from four non-EU countries.
- > The region Northwest Europe for this GRIP comprises 9 countries and 24 TSOs.
- > Countries: Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Republic of Ireland, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Sweden, United Kingdom
- > TSOs: bayernets GmbH, Creos Luxembourg S.A., Energinet.dk , Fluxys Belgium S.A., Fluxys Deutschland GmbH, Fluxys TENP TSO S.p.A., GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, Gaslink Independent System Operator Ltd, Gastransport Nord GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, Gasunie Ostseeanbindungsleitung GmbH, Gasunie Transport Services B.V., GRTgaz, GRTgaz Deutschland GmbH, Interconnector (UK) Limited, National Grid, NEL Gastransport GmbH, Nowega GmbH, Ontras – VNG Gastransport GmbH, Open Grid Europe GmbH, Premier Transmission Limited, Swedegas AB , Thyssengas GmbH, TIGF.