

## *Press Release*

### **ENTSOG launches a preliminary public consultation on the development of CBA methodology for Projects of Common Interest**

Today, the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) launches a preliminary consultation to gain some time and allow for a comprehensive input of all stakeholders affected.

Vittorio Musazzi, ENTSOG General Manager, said, *“It is anticipated that a regulation establishing rules for identifying projects of European significance in the energy infrastructure will enter into force in May 2013”*. The purpose of this regulation is to facilitate investments in order to achieve the Union’s energy and climate policy objectives.

Such Projects of Common Interest (PCI) will benefit from streamlined permitting procedures and enabling regulatory framework, and also be eligible for European financial support. Once the regulation has entered into force, ENTSOG has six months to develop a methodology that will be used to articulate the costs and benefits of proposed Projects of Common Interest.

Vittorio Musazzi: *“As the timescale for formal development and consultation is very tight, it is important that stakeholders indicate their intentions to play a full and active role in that process as early as possible.”*

All details and documents about the consultation and its timing are available at:

<http://www.entsog.eu/publications/cba-methodology>

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#### **Editorial notes**

- > ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009 and currently comprises 42 members and 3 Associated Partners from 25 EU countries, and 4 Observers from 4 non-EU countries.
- > In line with Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG has the task to

elaborate network codes in a number of areas and to adopt a non-binding community-wide Ten-Year Network Development Plan on biennial basis, Winter and Summer Supply Outlooks, common network operation tools, recommendations relating to the coordination of technical cooperation between community and third-country Transmission System Operators, Annual Work Programmes and Annual Reports.

- > Following the legislative negotiations on the Commission's proposal for Regulation on Guidelines for Trans-European Energy Infrastructure, ENTSOG's tasks will soon be extended and include also the development of CBA methodology to assess Projects of Common Interest at energy system wide level and project specific level. Once the regulation has entered into force, ENTSOG will have six months to develop the methodology and consult on it with stakeholders. Subsequently, the methodology will be submitted to ACER, the Commission and Member States for opinion. The whole process of methodology development and approval is likely to last at least 10 months. The Regulation anticipates regular revisions of the CBA methodology.