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European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) adopts Summer Supply Outlook 2015 & Summer Review 2014

(Brussels, 29 May 2015, PR0087-15) The European Network of Transmission System Operators has adopted its Summer Supply Outlook 2015 and the accompanying Review of Summer 2014.

In the Summer Supply Outlook, ENTSOG has undertaken an assessment of the European gas infrastructure for the period from April to September 2015. The analysis focuses on the ability of European gas infrastructures to enable high injection level in underground storages. Latest trends in terms of demand, supply and exports have been considered as well as alternative targeted storage levels. The conclusions are:

The European gas network is sufficiently robust in most parts of Europe to enable:

- > Planned maintenance in order to ensure infrastructure reliability on the long term
- > At least 90% stock level in preparation of the upcoming Winter
- > Some flexibility in network users' supply strategy

The report also highlights some particular situations:

- > Due to the low storage level at the end of the winter and expected exports to Ukraine during the summer, supply flexibility will be inversely proportional to targeted storage level
- > the commissioning of new infrastructure projects over last 12 months has improved the situation in Scandinavia

To complement the Supply Outlook, ENTSOG also carried out a review of the previous summer in order to build better knowledge of seasonal dynamics of supply and demand.

Vittorio Musazzi, ENTSOG General Manager, said, "This Summer Supply Outlook has confirmed that despite low level of storage at the end of the winter, European gas infrastructures are flexible enough to let the market meet demand while ensuring high level of injection and export to Ukraine. Actual situation will mostly depend on network users' behaviour and supply availability".

ENTSOG welcomes feedback on the published report, which is a key element for improving next reports in addition to adjusting for future needs of the market.



The report is available at: http://www.entsog.eu/publications/outlooks.html

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Notes to Editors

- > ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009. The current number of Members, Associated Partners and Observers can be found at this <u>link</u>.
- In line with Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG has the task of formulating network codes in a number of areas and of adopting various communications: 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-TSOs; annual work programmes and annual reports.

