

Press Release

ENTSOG starts process to analyse and to develop a proposal to amend the Interoperability Network Code regarding gas quality.

(Brussels PR-0101-16) **The European Commission (EC) has invited ENTSOG to prepare a detailed analysis of the entire natural gas value chain on the impacts and issues associated with the application of the CEN gas quality standard and, based on the results of the analysis, to develop a proposal to amend the Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchange.**

ENTSOG has set up a project plan to facilitate the input from stakeholders to ensure the successful accomplishment of this challenging task.

The first part is to promote an early engagement of stakeholders: On 22 March ENTSOG will host a public workshop in Brussels ([link to the workshop site](#)). Participants will discuss the potential impact of the CEN standard EN 16726 applied to the Interoperability Network Code.

The public workshop will be followed by a public consultation which will be open until 30 June. During this period, all stakeholders can submit specific impact analyses of their special area of interest. Based on these analyses, ENTSOG will present and discuss early findings in a second public workshop in September.

Subsequently, based on all collected feedback, ENTSOG will finish the impact analysis and the drafted amendment of the Interoperability Network Code. In early 2017, both documents will be subject to a final public consultation before it is handed over to ACER in July of the same year.

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Editorial notes

> 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 link](#).

- > 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 related to the coordination of technical cooperation between community and third-country-TSOs; annual work programmes and annual reports.