

## *Press Release*

# ***ENTSOG publishes the Winter Supply Outlook 2018/19 and Winter Review 2017/18***

**(Brussels, 18 October, PR0169-18) ENTSOG has today published its Winter Supply Outlook 2018/19 and the Winter Review 2017/18 report.**

The ENTSOG Winter Supply Outlook report is published annually in line with Article 8(3)(f) of Regulation (EC) 715/2009, to provide a valuable overview of the European natural gas transmission network for the upcoming winter. In this report, ENTSOG has assessed the capability of the European natural gas system to cope with baseline 'Reference' and Cold Winter seasons and high demand situations such as a peak day or a two weeks cold spell. Likewise, it assesses the impact of a potential Ukrainian supply disruption, complemented by the assessment of the main supply disruption scenarios defined in the Security of Supply EU Regulation 2017/1938.

The Winter Supply Outlook report finds that the European gas system offers sufficient flexibility across the winter season in Europe, even in the case of high demand during an extremely cold winter. The Cold Winter simulation undertaken in the report suggests there are no indications that supply flows will significantly differ from the ones noted in the last years.

Jan Ingwersen, ENTSOG General Manager, commented, *"ENTSOG has used a sensitivity analysis to check if the European gas system is able to handle the winter under different demand conditions and the results show that the European gas system offers sufficient flexibility across the winter season in Europe"*.

The report also indicates that the European gas system offers enough flexibility in North-West Europe to satisfy an increase in gas demand for power generation in case of outage of non-gas-fired power plants in Belgium.

To complement the Supply Outlook report, ENTSOG also carried out a review of the previous winter to build better knowledge of seasonal dynamics of supply and demand. It provides some

insight into the extreme cold event in February and March 2018 in Europe and describes the way in which the gas sector dealt with the event with robustness and flexibility.

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

The Winter Supply Outlook 2018/19 and the Winter Review 2017/18 reports are available [here](#).

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