

Press Release

ENTSOG publishes the Winter Supply Outlook 2019/20 and Winter Supply Review 2018/19

(Brussels, 15 October, PR0190-19) ENTSOG has today published its Winter Supply Outlook 2019/20 and the Winter Supply Review 2018/19 reports.

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 potential specific supply disruptions, complemented by the assessment of 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 those noted in the last years.

Jan Ingwersen, ENTSOG General Director, commented, *"The analysis undertaken shows the robustness of the European gas infrastructure and supplies. The report outlines how sufficient flexibility is being provided by the European gas system across the winter season"*.

The report also indicates that the storage filling level on 1 October 2019 is the highest level in the last eight years. This outcome is a consequence of a high storage level at the beginning of the injection season and the relatively high seasonal price spread during the injection season. Regarding LNG supply potential, last winter LNG imports were comparable to pre-Fukushima incident levels, indicating that the LNG terminals utilisation will be significantly higher for the coming winter season.

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.

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 2019/20 and the Winter Supply Review 2018/19 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](#).