

Press Release

Gas TSOs of the Central Eastern Europe (CEE) region publish their Gas Regional Investment Plan 2019

(Brussels, 24 February 2020, PR0202-20) **The TSOs of the CEE region are pleased to publish the Gas Regional Investment Plan 2019 (CEE GRIP) which provides a specific regional view of supply, demand, and capacity developments in the CEE region for the upcoming decade.**

The GRIPs are prepared to promote regional cooperation as enshrined in EU Directive 2009/73/EC, Article 7 and further detailed by Regulation 715/2009, Article 12. The aim of the CEE GRIP 2019 is to supplement ENTSG's EU-wide Ten-Year Network Development Plan 2018 (TYNDP 2018) by providing additional information, focusing on the CEE region. It also assesses the basis for identification of potential future gas infrastructure needs in the region.

Beyond the TYNDP 2018, the CEE GRIP provides an additional overview of broader gas market dynamics by looking at aspects linked to supply scenarios, market integration, and the security of supply (SoS) on the regional level. The key analysed areas which formed the focus of this report are:

- the future development of gas transmission infrastructure in the CEE region;
- specific simulations of network modelling to assess market integration and SoS;
- the development of a regional approach to SoS demand and supply scenarios; and
- CEE GRIP Regional N-1 analysis up to a 10-year-time frame.

Additionally, the CEE GRIP 2019 takes a closer look at the role played by natural gas in Central-Eastern Europe to build low-emission economies and meet the climate and energy objectives of the European Union in the long-term perspective, in an efficient and affordable manner. Considering the dependence of the CEE region on carbon intensive fuels, it is of paramount importance to fully utilise the potential of infrastructures and assets available. The report makes an assessment on how natural gas may contribute towards ensuring emission reductions and mitigation of air quality problems in the CEE region based on selected case studies.

The CEE GRIP TSOs are launching a post-publication consultation on the report and invite all interested stakeholders to provide their feedback in English to Sylvia Angyalová (sylvia.angyalova@eustream.sk) by **24 March 2020**.

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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](#).
- > The CEE GRIP region covers 10 countries, with the involvement of 17 TSOs from Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.