



ENTSOG WINTER SUPPLY OUTLOOK 2020/2021



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Executive summary

As part of its obligation under Art. 8(3)(f) of Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG has undertaken an assessment of the European gas network for the upcoming winter (October 2020 to March 2021). The analysis investigates the possible evolution of supplies and UGS inventory along the season as well as the ability of the gas infrastructure to meet the demand, especially to face high demand situations. ENTSOG has used a sensitivity analysis to check if the European gas system is able to handle the winter under different demand conditions: Reference Winter and Cold Winter¹.

The main findings of the Winter Supply Outlook are:

- > the European indigenous production keeps on following a decreasing trend,
- > the storage level on 1st October is the one of the highest of the last 9 years (1053TWh) as a consequence of a high storage level (600TWh) at the beginning of the injection season and relatively high seasonal price spread during the injection season,
- > LNG play an important role in natural gas demand satisfaction as a flexible gas source; LNG terminals utilisation has been significantly higher than observed over the last 9 years
- > the European gas system offers sufficient flexibility across the season in Europe,
- > the European gas system is also capable of supplying Energy Community Contracting Parties and other EU neighbouring countries with significant volumes of gas,
- South-East Europe reduced risk of demand curtailment developing new infrastructure. Exposition to risk decreased in case of a transit disruption through Ukraine under high demand situations.

¹ The Reference Winter and the Cold Winter are defined on the document.



1. Introduction

This edition builds on previous Winter Supply Outlooks as well as on the supply and demand assumptions of the Security of Supply Simulation Report 2017. It aims to assess the ability of the European gas network to provide enough flexibility to meet different demand situations and specially to face high demand situations. Likewise, it aims to verify the consistency is ensured between "Cold Winter" and the SoS simulation report assumptions.

Safety measures implemented in Europe and other continents, as a response of an extremely rapid spread of the COVID-19 disease, are affecting global and local economy. TSOs were encouraged to include this context in their estimations regarding forecasted demand data and capacity assumptions (including possible maintenance) provided for simulations.

Two different visions: winter period and high demand situations

As for previous reports, the Winter Supply Outlook 2020/21 captures two different visions of the season. The first one is an outlook of demand and supply and the resulting evolution of UGS inventory along the Reference Winter and the Cold Winter demands. The second one is the analysis of specific events being high demand situations (1-day Design Case and 2-Week Cold Spell), considering also an LNG supply sensitivity in the cold winter high demand situations.

As for previous WSO reports, these two visions are assessed separately in the Winter Supply Outlook 2020/21.

Observations of the supply situations in the past show that the underground gas storages are the most important flexibility assets in order to cope with the high demand variations during the winter season. Therefore, this report pays special attention to the storages. The winter months require storage withdrawal to cover both short high demand periods and the overall winter demand. The actual level of withdrawal by shippers varies from one country to the other and with climatic, price and legal parameters.

Currently, the European aggregated inventory level of underground gas storages levels on 1^{st} October is 1053.5 TWh.

Winter Supply Outlook relation to SoS simulation report:

Consistency with SoS simulation report: The results obtained in the Union-wide Security of Supply Simulation Report 2017 are verified in the Winter Supply Outlook simulations



considering the "Cold Winter" demand². Supplies assumed in that report base on TYNDP 2020 Scenario Report³ values with application of SoS methodology explained further in this report with the updated capacities sent by the TSOs for this winter.

Disruption assessment: in line with the previous editions of Winter Supply Outlooks, this report assesses the impact of the Ukrainian supply disruption, complemented by the assessment of the main supply disruption scenarios defined in the SoS EU Regulation 2017/1938. The WSO assesses the impact of supply disruptions occurring during a Peak Day or a 2-Week Cold Spell. The assessment of the impact of long supply disruptions on the EU gas system is available in the EU-wide SoS simulation report on ENTSOG website⁴.

2. Assumptions

The simulations consider the existing European gas infrastructure as of 11th May 2020 (when data collection started) and actual gas storage working gas volumes at the end of September 2020.

The modelling tool for the Winter Supply Outlook is the same as the one used in the TYNDP and the Summer Supply Outlook. It considers the existing gas infrastructure and the technical capacities updated by TSO with every WSO exercise.

The Winter Supply Outlook 2020/21 is developed based on assumptions specific to the upcoming winter season as detailed in the annexes and short-term trends. In any case actual withdrawal and supply mix will result from shippers' decisions.

2.1. Seasonal Demand

The seasonal demand is used to check if the gas stored in the UGS is enough to cope with the winter demand (Reference and Cold) and, at the same time, reaching the end of the period with a sufficient gas volume in the storage in order to preserve the flexibility of the system.

A Reference Winter has been defined as representing a 1-in-2-year climatic condition. The demand data has been provided by TSOs on a monthly level. An average daily demand has been considered for each month.

² The cold demand for Germany has been updated due to a decrease of L-gas demand and an increase of H-gas demand.

³ <u>https://www.entsos-tyndp2020-scenarios.eu/</u>

⁴ <u>https://www.entsog.eu/security-of-supply-simulation</u>



The demand for the Cold Winter is based on demand assumptions considered in SoS simulations report⁵ and represents an historical high demand winter (see Annex B for country detail).

For comparison purpose, **Figure 1** shows the European aggregated demand for the Reference Winter and Cold Winter compared to the historical demand over the last 10 winters.



The Reference Winter demand is slightly higher than the one observed during the last winter (+0.4%). The Cold Winter demand is higher than the last ten winters, it shows an overall

increase of 13.7% in comparison to the total demand from W2019/20.

Furthermore, Reference and Cold Winter are higher compared with average demand of last 10 winters, 1.4% and 14.8% respectively.

⁵ The methodology and assumptions performed to obtain the Cold Winter Demand in the three cases (whole winter, 2 weeks and Peak Day) are explained in SoS simulations report, point 3.1. (Pages 8-9).

https://www.entsog.eu/public/uploads/files/publications/sos/ENTSOG%20Union%20wide%20SoS%20simulation%20report INV0262-171121.pdf





2.2. Peak demand

Two high demand situations are considered: Peak Day demand and 2-Week Cold Spell occurring in February. They are defined in the table below:

Period	Occurrence of the demand provided by each TSO		
Peak Day	National design standard for gas demand, taking place on 15 th February		
2-Week Cold Spell	High demand during a 14-day period in February (Cold Spell), taking place 15 th -28 th February.		

The Peak Day and 2-weeks demand is used to check if the withdraw capacity in the UGS is enough to cope with a Peak Day or Cold Spell events at the end of February when the storages are not at their maximum level (therefore, they are not at their maximum withdraw capacity).

As well as in the case of seasonal demand, the **Figure 2** shows the European aggregated 2-Week average demand for the Reference Winter and Cold Winter compared to the historical demand over the last 10 winters. Also, the **Figure 3** shows the European aggregated Peak Day demand.



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2week cold spell Demand (GWh/d)

Figure 2.- European 2-week demand history (2010 – 2020) compared with Reference and Cold 2-week demand.



Figure 3.- European Peak Day demand history (2010 – 2020) compared with Reference and Cold winter.



The 2-Week Cold Spell demand for Reference Winter is higher than the one observed during the last winter (+28.4%) and additionally higher compared to the average of the last ten winters (+21.4%). In the case of the 2-Week Cold Spell⁶ demand used for Cold Winter the difference is even higher (+29.5%) compared with the Winter 2019/20.

Peak Day demand for Reference Winter is higher than the one observed during the last winter (45.0%) and also higher than the average of the last ten winters (+38.0%). In the case of the Peak Day demand used for Cold Winter the difference is even higher (+43.4%) compared with the Winter 2019/20.

2.3. Supply

The maximum supply potentials of the different sources providing gas to EU via pipeline (Algeria, Libya, Norway, and Russia) are based on nine years history for Winter Season and on five years history for 2-Week Cold Spell and 1-day Design Case (Peak Day). However, in case of LNG, this historical winter and monthly maximum value + 20% will be tested against next TYNDP2020 value for 2020:

- 1. If TYNDP2020 value>Historical winter/monthly maximum + 20%, we take historical maximum + 20%.
- 2. If TYNDP2020 value<Historical winter/monthly maximum, we take historical maximum.
- 3. Otherwise we take TYNDP2020 value for winter and monthly maximum.

For Winter Supply Outlook 2020/2021 in case of winter season supply value for LNG was taken from TYNDP 2020 value as it was higher than historical value and lower than historical value + 20%. In case of monthly maximum values, 2-Week Cold Spell values and 1-day Design Case values, historical values were applied as all of them were higher than TYNDP values. Same assumptions are applied for Cold Winter simulations, with exception of the Peak Day, where LNG supply is allowed to go up to the total send-out capacities of the terminals (in line with SoS methodology).

Supply limitations are set for different time scales or profiles (winter season, month, 2 weeks and day) so that the maximum flow of each source cannot exceed reasonable levels based on historical observations⁷. The detailed data is provided in the annexes. For each of the winter

⁶ 2-Week Cold Spell for Cold Winter: A period of 2 weeks of exceptionally high demand, occurring with a statistical probability of once in 20 years.

Peak Day for Cold Winter: One day of exceptionally high demand, occurring with statistical probability of once in 20 years. ⁷ The methodology and an example of the supply assumptions calculations can be found in SoS simulations report, point 3.4. (page13).<u>https://www.entsog.eu/public/uploads/files/publications/sos/ENTSOG%20Union%20wide%20SoS%20simulation</u> <u>%20report_INV0262-171121.pdf</u>



demand profile and high demand situation, specific gas supply maximum availability has been defined in **Table 1**:

Table 1.- Gas supply maximum availability definitions.

	National Production	UGS ⁸	LNG	Algeria, Norway, Libya, Russia
Winter Season	TSO forecast for winter.		observed during the last 8 winte	riod to the highest winter average supply ers and at monthly level to the maximum erage of the last 8 winters.
			Week 1	
	1		Limited to the observed	
		Limited for each	February flow in the model	
		country (or zone)	plus additional LNG that can	
		by the stored	be taken from the tanks to be	
2-Week		volumes and the	shared with week 2.	Limited to the maximum 14 days rolling
Cold Spell	TSO forecast	deliverability	Week 2	average of the last 5 winters.
	for high	associated with	Limited to the maximum 14	
	demand	the inventory	days rolling average of the last	
	situations.	level.	5 winters plus additional LNG	
			that can be taken from the	
			tanks to be shared with week 1.	
1 day			Limited to the maximum daily	
1-day Design			supply of the last five winters	Limited to the maximum daily supply of
Case			plus additional LNG that can	the last five winters.
Case			be taken from the tanks.	

Figure 4 shows historical seasonal supply for last eight winters for pipeline imports and LNG imports. In the graph, the maximum supply potential considered are indicated⁹.

⁸ UGS inventory on withdrawal deliverability has been considered using deliverability curves provided by GSE (see Annex A).

⁹ The winter supply limitation (Maximum value for LNG taken from TYNDP2020) used for LNG is 764TWh/season.





Figure 5 shows historical 30-days rolling average supply for the last eight winters, in the graph, the maximum supply potential considered are indicated¹⁰. **Figure 6** shows historical 14-days rolling average supply for last five winters, the maximum supply potential considered are indicated.¹¹

¹⁰ After testing historical monthly maximum value for LNG against TYNDP2020 value, the monthly supply limitation used for LNG is 4,174GWh/d.

¹¹ The Winter Maximum 14-d Supply History value from 2019/2020 was applied - 4,745GWh/d.









Figure 7 shows the historical daily maximum supplies during the last five winters. In the graph, the maximum supply potential considered are indicated¹².



In conclusion, we observe an increase in LNG maximum supplies in recent two years. The other supply values are more stable.

2.4. Treatment of Non-EU countries

When assessing the supply adequacy at European level, ENTSOG takes into account the interactions with the countries neighbouring the EU: Switzerland, North Macedonia, Serbia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Ukraine, Turkey, Moldova and Kaliningrad (Russia).

The analysis considers Non-EU countries, including the Energy Community contracting parties, taking into account the geography and the actual supply situation:

- Switzerland, Bosnia, North Macedonia, Serbia are included in the modelling perimeter.
- Ukraine is considered based on the observed exports during the last five years¹³.
- Exports to Moldova have been set to zero following an investigation of the previous flows.

¹² The Winter Maximum 14-d Supply History value from 2019/2020 was applied – 5,554 GWh/d.

¹³ The value of the flow is indicated in the Annex B.



- Kaliningrad region in Russia are excluded from the Russian supply and the exports have been set to zero.
- No transit toward Turkey was considered as Turk Stream pipeline was commissioned.
- Albania, Montenegro and Kosovo are not connected to the gas grid. •

3. UGS inventory

3.1. **Injection during summer**

According to AGSI+, the gas storage data platform operated by GIE, the highest storage withdrawals of the whole winter (2019-2020) reached 8.7 TWh/d on the 21st January 2020.

On the 1st April, the gas in the storages was 600TWh, it is much higher compering previous winter and more than 3 times higher than in April 1st 2018 value (190TWh) which however was the lowest value at the beginning of the injection period since 2011. Figure 8 shows the total WGV, the initial gas in the storages on 1st April and the gas injected during the summer season between 2011 and 2020.







Summer 2020 reached the historical highest gas level in storages of the last nine years, on 1st April 2020. Consequently, the volume of injected gas (453 TWh) was less than in recent years. The highest gas injection of the last nine years was observed in 2018 to compensate for the low gas in the storages on April 1st. Finally, the level of inventory at the beginning of the Winter season 2020/2021 is higher compared to previous years, mainly driven by significantly high storage level at the beginning of the injection season and a low gas price on the different European gas hub Price (**Figure 10**).

Figures 9 compare the stock level evolution of the last eight summers highlighting the initial level on 1st April 2019.



Figure 9. Evolutions of UGS stock level. Summers 2011-2020 (TWh) (Source: AGSI+).





3.2. Initial storage level on 1st October

The Winter Supply Outlook takes into account the actual storage inventory level per country as of 1st October 2020¹⁴ as the initial situation exposed in **Figure 11.** As shown in the next map the storage inventory levels differ from country to country.

¹⁴ The gas in storage on 1st October 2020 for each country is based on the AGSI platform captured on 1st October 2019 complemented by other information sources for storages not reported on AGSI. For Serbia, the initial storage is considered 0% due to no availability of data. The %Full has been calculated taking into account the Working Gas Volume from GSE Storage MAP database; since the last update was January 2018, updated AGSI values for WGV have been taken into account for those storages with remarkable difference.





Figure 11. - Actual storage inventory level on 1st October (for some countries, the initial level includes strategic stocks¹⁵).

In terms of absolute volumes in gas storages, the largest ones are located in Germany, Italy, France and the Netherlands. On October 1st, 2020, the initial average UGS inventory is around 1053 TWh while for the previous winter was 1060TWh. It means 2% points lower (97% vs 95%) with a mixed picture across EU countries.

The actual levels for each country show substantial differences from one country to the other. These levels per country have been used as a starting point for the Winter Supply Outlook 2020/21.

These levels might change during the month October because the injection season continues in some countries until 1st November.

¹⁵ Storages in Serbia are set as 0% due to no availability of the data.



4. Results for Reference Winter and Cold Winter

4.1. Supply and demand balance along the winter

The actual UGS inventory level at the beginning of the season, together with the supply availability and the demand levels considered, enable the supply and demand balance in all the countries along both a Reference Winter and a Cold Winter.

Figure 12 shows the supply and demand balance at European level for the Reference Winter and the Cold Winter demands.



Figure 12. Supply and demand adequacy - Reference Winter vs Cold Winter.

These graphs illustrate the changes in supply and demand¹⁶ for the Cold Winter compared to the Reference Winter. The extra supply of LNG and storages allow for the flexibility in the cold winter demand.

As a result of this analysis there are no indications that supply flows will significantly differ from the ones noted in the last years, apart from LNG which has increased this year. The supply assumptions are based on the supply observed in the last eight winters and should not be considered as a forecast, the actual supply mix will depend on market behaviour and other external factors.

¹⁶ Demand data also considers exports and injection during October and November.



4.2. Evolution of UGS inventory level

Figure 13 shows the evolution of the European aggregated UGS inventory level resulting from the assumptions defined in the previous chapters for the Reference Winter and the Cold Winter:



Figure 13. - Winter evolution of the aggregated UGS stock level.

The inventory levels targets (30% and 55%¹⁷ in the case of Spain) can be reached at the end of the winter in all the EU countries for Reference Winter. The associated withdrawal of gas from storages combined with the supply flexibility is sufficient to cover the demand. There is also some injection in some countries until 1st November.

In case of Cold Winter simulations, EU aggregated inventory level at the end of the Cold Winter can reach target inventory levels (same as for Reference Winter). It is possible due to sufficient supply and the high level of the storages at the beginning of the winter season.

Table 2 provides the results of the UGS inventory level evolution:

¹⁷ Spanish TSO has confirmed that storages in Spain should not be used below 55% for Reference Winter and Cold Winter simulations. It can be used for particularly stressful situations as in the case of Algerian Disruption.



Table 2. - Monthly EU inventory level evolution for Reference Winter and Cold Winter.

% WGV	01/10/2020	01/11/2020	01/12/2020	01/01/2021	01/02/2021	01/03/2021	31/03/2021
Reference Winter	90%	91%	83%	70%	50%	37%	31%
Cold Winter	90%	91%	84%	66%	48%	36%	31%

4.3. Results for Reference Winter and Cold Winter

No demand curtailment has been spotted during regular demand situations for Reference and Cold Winter. Moreover, it is important to mention that due to the recent EU imposed of some restriction on Gazprom use of OPAL, it has been done some extra simulations applying a 50% reduction in OPAL capacity in order to reflect this restriction and analyse if there is any risk. This reduction was not applied for the maximum technical capacity for 2week period and DC. The results showed no risk of demand curtailment, they are aligned with the full OPAL capacity simulations, it has been spotted only some changes regarding the flows.

5. Results for high demand situations

5.1. **Demand balance**

The high demand situations are considered to happen in a Refence Winter situation or in the Cold Winter situation, taking place in February. The initial storages levels are extracted from the whole winter simulations for 14th February (end of day), for both Peak Day and 2-Week Cold Spell as shown as example in Figure 14 for Cold Winter situation. The corresponding storage withdrawal deliverability curve is considered (Annex A).









Figure 15 compares the supply mix for the winter in February and the two high demand situations:

In high demand situations, there is an increment in all supply sources compared with February flows. This increment is observed especially in LNG and storages.

In the 2-Week Cold Spell, there is a change between week1 and week2 due to the additional LNG flexibility from the tanks and different withdraw from gas storage. Withdraw capacity from gas storages depends on a fill rate – when level of gas in storage is decreasing, withdraw capacity is limited. In case of Peak Day demand, the LNG and storages flexibility are necessary to cover the demand.

Figure 15. - Comparison of supply mixes in February vs high demand situations (LNG includes tanks withdrawal).



5.2. Indicators

For each high demand situation and each zone, modelling results consist in the calculation of:

- The potential level of demand curtailment (Curtailment Rate). The Curtailment Rate represents the share of the gas demand that cannot be satisfied (calculated as a daily volume). The level of curtailment is assessed considering a cooperative behavior between European countries in order to mitigate its relative impact. This means that countries try to reduce the disrupted rate of other countries by sharing it.
- > The Remaining Flexibility indicator measures resilience at balancing zone level to cope with climatic stress (see Annex C for detailed calculation process).

Table 3. - Indicators results for high demand situations in Reference and Cold Winter.

_			Reference Winter	Cold Winter			
		Curtailment	NONE	NONE			
			HR: 7%	BA: 6%			
	Peak Day	Rem. Flexibility	DK: 17%	HR: 16%			
		below 20%	FR: 16%	DK: 12%			
			UK: 12%	FI:11%			
	2Week	Curtailment	NONE	NONE			
	Zweek	Rem. Flexibility below 20%	NONE	NONE			

 Table 3 represents the summary of all the results obtained:

The results for the **Reference Winter** indicate:

- > **Peak Day**: No demand curtailment, some countries have limited Remaining Flexibility (Croatia, Denmark, France and United Kingdom) below 20%.
- > During the **2-Week Cold Spell**: No demand curtailment, all countries having more than 20% Remaining Flexibility.

The main results for **Cold Winter** show:

- Peak Day: No demand curtailment, some countries have limited Remaining Flexibility (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France and United Kingdom) below 20%.
- > During the **2-Week Cold Spell:** No demand curtailment, all countries having more than 20% Remaining Flexibility.

Moreover, there is no risk of demand curtailment for L-gas in Belgium, France and Germany.



However, it has been spotted low Remaining Flexibility below 20% for L-gas in Germany for Peak Day, Reference Winter and Cold Winter.

In few situations Remaining Flexibility in Reference Winter is lower than in Case of Cold Winter. It is caused by the situation when demand submission for that country (or neighbouring country) for the Reference Winter is higher than value submitted for Cold Winter.

Comparing with the indicators results of the previous WSO 2019/2020, there is no risk of Demand Curtailment in Bosnia and Herzegovina during Cold Winter simulation for Peak Day or 2-Week Cold Spell. Remaining Flexibility shows some differences as well:

- In Peak Day, Reference Winter: Bosnia and Herzegovina and North Macedonia are no longer having Remaining Flexibility (below 20%) compared with last year. Croatia is having lower Remaining Flexibility because of higher demand and lower national production. Denmark shows slight increase of Remaining Flexibility due to slightly lower demand and slight increase of capacity from Germany comparing with previous report. France is showing relatively lower Remaining Flexibility mainly because of demand increase in comparison to WSO 19-20. United Kingdom Remaining Flexibility is below threshold because of higher demand, decommissioning of the infrastructure and topology adjustments.
- In Peak Day, Cold Winter: Bosnia and Herzegovina and North Macedonia are no longer having Remaining Flexibility (bellow 20%) compared with last year. Croatia is having lower Remaining flexibility mainly because of lower national production. Denmark shows slight increase of Remaining Flexibility due to slight increase of capacity from Germany comparing with previous report. Sweden is no longer under 20% in Remaining Flexibility. Finland is having higher Remaining Flexibility (but still below 20%) thanks to Balticconnector pipeline that was put into operation in January 2020.
- 2-Week Cold Spell, Reference Winter: no risk of demand curtailment, no Remaining Flexibility below 20%, even in North Macedonia.
- > **2-Week Cold Spell, Cold Winter**: no risk of demand curtailment, no Remaining Flexibility below 20%, even in North Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.





5.3. Results for 1-day Design Case during Reference Winter vs. Cold Winter

Figure 16.- Peak Day results (Remaining Flexibility and no Curtailment Rate) in Reference and Cold Winters¹⁸.

The results show that no country face risk of Demand Curtailment in case of Peak Day for Cold winter due to infrastructures limitations.

Denmark and Sweden are facing a period where the supply might be tight in the event of exceptional high demand or in case of a serious technical incident due to the ongoing reconstruction of the Tyra complex in the Danish North Sea. Denmark and Sweden will from November 2019 to July 2022 be almost fully dependent on gas supplies from Germany via the interconnection point Ellund. For this WSO has been considered this reduction of the Danish national production, however, it has been also taken into account the increase of the capacity at the interconnection point Ellund therefore there is not demand curtailment.

¹⁸ In all maps, the value of RF for Germany is the weighted average by demand among the different balancing zones of H-gas. Also, the values for France of Belgium are for H-gas. The values for each balancing zone (including L-gas) are included in the Annex D.





5.4. Results for 2-Week Cold spell during a Reference Winter vs. Cold Winter

Figure 17. 2-Week Cold Spell results (Remaining Flexibility and Curtailment Rate) in Reference and Cold Winters ¹⁹.

No country faces demand curtailment in the 2-Week Cold spell in Reference Winter or Cold Winter.

¹⁹ The results shown are for second week of the 2-Week Cold Spell.



6. Results of disruption case event

This section investigates the impact of a supply route disruption during a high demand situation in the Remaining Flexibility and Curtailment Rate. Only the additional effect of the route disruptions compared to the result from the situation without the route disruptions are analysed and highlighted in the maps.

This vision is included in ENTSOG's Winter Supply Outlooks since Winter Supply Outlook 2013/14. However, in 2017 the disruptions effects were developed in the Security of Supply Simulations Report. ENTSOG simulated 17 supply and infrastructure disruption scenarios. For this WSO, as well as the WSO20/21 the purpose is to verify consistency is ensured between the next Cold Winter and the SoS.

Consequently, in this point, the disruption scenarios in Peak Day and 2-Week Cold Spell are tested to confirm that the results are in line with the conclusion of SoS report, keeping in mind that the two months disruptions are not considered and the assumptions in SoS²⁰ were defined for the next four years.

The criteria to choose these disruptions is based on the effects that these disruptions show in SoS report and the risk groups considered are defined according with the Annex I of the Regulation (EU) 2017/1938 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2017 concerning measures to safeguard the security of gas supply and repealing Regulation (EU) No 994/2010.

6.1. Indicators

As in the case of high demand situations and no route disruption, modelling indicators results consist in the calculation of:

- > The Remaining Flexibility indicator measures resilience at balancing zone level to cope with climatic stress and route disruption (see Annex C for detailed calculation process).
- > The potential level of demand curtailment (Curtailment Rate). The level of curtailment is assessed considering a cooperative behaviour between European countries in order to mitigate its relative impact. This means that countries try to reduce the disrupted rate of other countries by sharing it. The route disruption considered are:
 - Ukraine
 - Belarus.
 - Baltics states and Finland supply.
 - Algerian pipes and LNG.

²⁰ The cold demand for Germany (2-Week Cold Spell and Peak Day) and the LNG supply have been updated, as explained in the introduction of the current report.



The approach for demand curtailment allocation is applied according with Security of Supply report:

> Unified allocation: All member States within the risk group defined in Annex I of Regulation 2017/1938 cooperate by avoiding a demand curtailment to the extent possible by transporting other supply and furthermore by sharing the curtailment equally in such a way that they try to reach the same Curtailment Rate.

6.2. Ukraine transit disruption

This case considers the disruption of the transit through Ukraine and the risk group is formed by Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia.



Figure 18.- Risk group for Ukraine transit disruption

Results for a Ukraine transit disruption during a 1-in-20 years Peak day:

Situation in this risk group is improved comparing to previous year by implementation of TurkStream and other investments in the region. The results show that in the case of a Peak Day combined with a disruption of Ukrainian transit Romania is facing demand curtailment. Romania has no other possibilities to import gas to the country, Bulgarian and Hungarian interconnections are fully used and gas flow from storages is at maximum possible level.



It is important to highlight that all exports to Ukraine are maintained. Curtailment in Romania is due to infrastructure limitations. The cease in the exports cannot help to avoid these curtailments.



Figure 19. Peak Day results (Remaining Flexibility and Curtailment Rate) for Ukraine transit disruption.

Results for a Ukraine transit disruption during a 1-in-20 years 2-Week Cold Spell:

As in the case of Peak Day, situation in this risk group is improved comparing to previous year by implementation of TurkStream and other investments in the region. The results show that in case of 2-Week Cold Spell combined with a disruption of Ukrainian transit Romania could face demand curtailment.

No neighbouring country can further help mitigating the situation as the curtailment is infrastructure related. Ukraine export is not changing situation because of the same reason – it is performed through different route.





Figure 20. 2-Week Cold Spell results (Remaining Flexibility and Curtailment Rate) for Ukraine transit disruption

6.3. Belarus transit disruption

This case considers the disruption of the transit through Belarus and the risk group is formed by Czech Republic, Belgium, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia



Figure 21. Risk group for Belarus disruption.



Results for the disruption of Belarus transit during a 1-in-20 years Peak day:

The results show that in the case of a Peak Day combined with Belarus disruption, there is no Demand Curtailment. Poland, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia show a decrease of Remaining Flexibility.



Figure 22. Peak Day results (Remaining Flexibility and Curtailment Rate) for Belarus disruption.

Results for the disruption of Belarus transit during a 1-in-20 years 2-Week Cold Spell:

The results show that in the case of a 2-Week Cold Spell combined with Belarus disruption, no country faces demand curtailment. Poland and Lithuania show lower level of Remaining Flexibility.





Figure 23. 2-Week Cold Spell results (Remaining Flexibility and Curtailment Rate) for Belarus disruption.

6.4. Baltics Finland Disruption

This case considers the disruption of the imports to the Baltic states and Finland and the risk group is formed by Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania.



Figure 24.- Risk group for Baltic states and Finland disruption.



<u>Results for a disruption of all pipeline imports to the Baltic states and Finland during a 1-in-20</u> years Peak day:

The results show that in the case of a Peak Day combined with a disruption of the imports to Baltic states and Finland, affected countries are: Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are facing demand curtailment due to infrastructure limitations in the connection with other countries. Demand curtailment in Finland is presented excluding the country-specific possibility in terms of use of back-up fuels for gas. Implementation of the Balticconnector allows gas to flow from the Baltic States to support Finland. The Balticconnector still has not reached full design capacity yet.



Figure 25. Peak Day results (Remaining Flexibility and Curtailment Rate) for Baltic states and Finland disruption.

<u>Results for a disruption of all pipeline imports to the Baltic states and Finland during a 1-in-20</u> <u>2-Week Cold Spell:</u>

The results show that in the case of a 2-Week Cold Spell combined with a disruption of the imports to Baltic states and Finland affected countries are: Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are facing demand curtailment due to infrastructure limitations in the connection with other countries. Implementation of the Balticconnector allows gas to flow from the Baltic States to support Finland. The Balticconnector still has not reached full design capacity yet.





Figure 26. 2-Week Cold Spell results (Remaining Flexibility and Curtailment Rate) for Baltic states and Finland disruption.

6.5. Algerian Pipes and LNG Disruption

This case considers the disruptions of the imports from Algeria via both pipelines and LNG cargos and the risk group is formed by Austria, Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain.



Figure 27. Risk group for Algerian pipes and LNG disruption.



<u>Results for a disruption of all pipeline imports and LNG from Algeria during a 1-in-20 years</u> <u>Peak Day:</u>

The results show that in the case of a Peak Day combined with Algerian disruption, no country faces demand curtailment.



Figure 28. Peak Day results (Remaining Flexibility and Curtailment Rate) for Algerian disruption.

<u>Results for a disruption of all pipeline imports and LNG from Algeria during a 1-in-20 years 2-</u> <u>Week Cold Spell:</u>

The results show that in the case of a 2-Week Cold Spell combined with Algerian disruption no countries are facing demand curtailment.





Figure 29. 2-Week Cold Spell results (Remaining Flexibility) for Algerian disruption.

7. Conclusions

According to the ENTSOG modelling and supply assumptions, this Winter Supply Outlook confirms the ability of the European gas infrastructures to face a Cold Winter 2020/2021 with sufficient flexibility in most parts of Europe. This assessment is valid throughout the season and under high demand situations.

Winter Supply Outlook 2020/2021 assessment highlights:

The main findings of the Winter Supply Outlook are:

- > the European indigenous production keeps on following a decreasing trend;
- > the storage level on 1st October is the one of the highest of the last 9 years (1053TWh) as a consequence of a high storage level (600TWh) at the beginning of the injection season and relatively high seasonal price spread during the injection season
- > LNG terminals utilisation has been significantly higher than the observed over the last 8 years,
- > the European gas system offers sufficient flexibility across the season in Europe, provided gas is available;
- > the European gas system is also capable of supplying Energy Community Contracting Parties and other EU neighbouring countries with significant volumes of gas;


South-East Europe reduced risk of demand curtailment developing new infrastructure. Exposition to risk decreased in case of a transit disruption through Ukraine under high demand situations.

Please note that the level of storages across Europe significantly contributes to the balance of demand across the season and also to the ability to physically send gas to neighbouring countries.





8. Legal Notice

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Annex A - Underground Storages assumptions

UGS deliverability curve

In order to capture the influence of UGS inventory level on the withdrawal capacity, ENTSOG has used the deliverability curves made available by GSE. These curves represent a weighted average of the facilities (salt caverns, aquifers or depleted fields) of each area.

Country	Withdraw availability when working gas volume is at xx% level											
Country	100%	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%	1%	0%
AT	100%	99%	98%	97%	96%	95%	87%	79%	71%	60%	50%	0%
BE	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	20%	20%	10%	10%	0%
BG	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	96%	85%	76%	67%	58%	0%
HR	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	96%	80%	65%	48%	32%	14%	0%
СҮ	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
CZ	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	97%	80%	70%	50%	40%	20%	0%
CZd*	100%	98%	96%	95%	93%	90%	82%	72%	61%	49%	37%	0%
DK	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	85%	33%	25%	0%
EE	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FI	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Fra	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%	66%	57%	48%	39%	30%	0%
FRn	100%	96%	91%	87%	83%	78%	72%	65%	58%	49%	38%	0%
FRnL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	93%	85%	0%
FRs	100%	97%	94%	91%	88%	85%	79%	73%	66%	56%	27%	0%
FRt	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	91%	74%	56%	39%	22%	0%
DE	100%	99%	99%	98%	97%	96%	85%	74%	62%	48%	35%	0%
GR	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
HU	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	97%	95%	84%	73%	50%	38%	0%
IE	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
IT	100%	98%	96%	95%	93%	90%	82%	72%	61%	49%	37%	0%
LV	100%	100%	100%	90%	80%	70%	50%	40%	25%	20%	20%	0%
LT	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
NL	100%	97%	95%	92%	90%	86%	79%	71%	63%	53%	44%	0%
PL	100%	100%	99%	98%	97%	90%	84%	72%	65%	51%	29%	0%
PT	100%	100%	100%	100%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%	0%
RO	100%	98%	96%	95%	93%	90%	82%	72%	61%	49%	37%	0%
RS	100%	98%	96%	95%	93%	90%	82%	72%	61%	49%	37%	0%
SK	100%	99%	97%	96%	93%	88%	82%	74%	65%	55%	44%	0%
SI	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
ES	100%	80%	72%	67%	63%	60%	55%	50%	45%	40%	40%	0%
SE	100%	98%	96%	95%	93%	90%	82%	72%	61%	49%	37%	0%
UK	100%	98%	96%	95%	93%	90%	82%	72%	61%	49%	37%	0%

Table 4. - UGS deliverability curves.

* UGS Dolni Bojanovice located in Czech Republic but only connected the Slovak market



Annex B - Data for Winter Supply Outlook 2020/21

Indigenous Production

Table 5. – Supply assumptions indigenous production

GWh/d	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	2W-Week1	2W-Week2	DC
National Poduction	2,554.5	2,644.2	2,739.5	2,768.3	2,884.9	2,564.5	3,769.0	3,769.0	3,769.0

Supply assumptions (maximum per period)

Table 6.– Supply assumptions imports.

	GWh/d		DZ	LY	NO	RU	LNG	LNG*
Winter Period	Winter Period Max on Whole Winter Max per 30 days		1,261	208	3,893	5,530	4,174	4,174
winter Period			1,389	247	4,040	6,084	4,745	4,745
	2-week Cold	Week 1	1,348	225	4,098	6,140	***	***
High Demand	Spell	Week2	1,348	225	4,098	6,140	4,898	4,898
	1-day De	sign Case	1,388	303	4,631	6,241	5,554	6,357

* LNG sensitivity for Cold Winter (in line with SOS report only for High Demand)

LNG Tank flexibility

The LNG tank flexibility represents the difference between the actual fill level of the LNG tanks and the minimum operative tank level; it can be send-out as extra LNG during the 2-Week Cold Spell and 1-Day Peak. These figures represent a weighted average of the LNG terminals of each area. ENTSOG has used the LNG tank flexibility as made available by the LSOs via GLE.

LNG Tank	Flexibility
BE	35%
ES	68%
FRn	76%
FRs	58%
GR	59%
IT	15%
LT	3%
NL	35%
PL	74%
РТ	43%
UK	64%

Table 7.-LNG tank flexibility



Reference Winter Demand

Country	October	November	December	January	February	March	2W-Week1	2W-Week2	DC
AT	252	330	380	436	354	285	414	414	588
BA	5	7	10	11	8	7	10	10	13
BEh	563	650	636	677	638	580	963	963	1,064
BEI	102	153	191	191	191	159	334	334	405
BGn	68	99	124	137	127	112	134	134	146
СН	97	146	171	185	171	139	220	220	230
CZ	239	315	406	410	448	322	592	592	727
DEg	1,112	1,346	1,447	1,671	1,396	1,175	1,877	1,877	2,326
DEgL	164	210	230	275	220	176	316	316	405
DEn	1,018	1,360	1,506	1,834	1,432	1,111	2,132	2,132	2,788
DEnL	350	461	508	614	484	380	711	711	923
DK	67	95	104	107	106	88	153	153	229
EE	13	16	18	18	18	16	35	35	45
ES	951	1,072	1,117	1,256	1,220	1,084	1,686	1,686	1,983
FI	50	70	80	105	110	85	180	180	220
FR	1,241	1,745	1,981	2,057	2,063	1,640	3,101	3,101	4,134
FRnL	110	157	197	197	189	148	280	280	374
GR	142	150	164	224	180	144	227	227	262
HR	91	105	116	136	113	102	148	148	192
HU	280	385	530	590	480	383	510	510	650
IE	134	143	193	187	212	185	238	238	296
IT	1,690	2,258	2,835	3,279	2,936	2,389	3,592	3,592	4,876
LT	59	69	72	80	76	67	80	80	93
LU	22	31	32	38	37	31	44	44	58
LV	37	46	51	58	59	49	77	77	84
MK	6	7	9	12	8	5	13	13	16
NL	959	1,315	1,427	1,519	1,517	1,295	3,242	3,242	3,941
PL	538	632	680	783	756	682	841	841	1,030
РТ	207	209	204	210	216	214	222	222	259
RO	270	355	475	585	490	380	610	610	657
RS	62	62	62	62	62	62	95	95	104
SE	24	27	31	37	33	28	56	56	77
SI	24	30	34	39	34	32	35	35	41
SK	136	177	219	235	207	171	285	285	343
UK	1,907	2,583	2,894	3,095	3,062	2,692	4,154	4,154	5,486
UKn	43	49	49	58	52	52	69	69	96
TOTAL	13,032	16,864	19,179	21,408	19,704	16,470	27,674	27,674	35,162

Table 8.– Demand forecasts in Reference Winter

Gas zones: Germany (DEg: GASPOOL, DEn: NCG, DEgL: GASPOOL L-gas, DEnL: NCG L-gas), French (FRnL: GRTgaz Nord L-gas), Belgium (BEh: H-gas zone, BEI L-gas zone) UKn (Northern Ireland), Bulgaria (BGn), Northern Ireland (UKn)



Cold Winter Demand

Table 9.- Demand forecasts in SOS Cold Winter²¹.

Country	October	November	December	January	February	March	2W-Week1	2W-Week2	DC
AT	302	335	441	414	412	339	471	471	471
BA	4	6	9	11	7	5	12	12	16
BEh	404	483	614	718	663	527	883	883	964
BEI	113	135	171	200	185	147	378	378	454
BGn	87	107	127	150	128	101	157	157	173
СН	109	151	184	219	162	119	225	225	230
CZ	259	303	479	421	432	315	592	592	727
DEg	1,076	1,293	1,506	1,682	1,521	1,322	1,877	1,877	2,326
DEgL	157	200	242	277	245	205	316	316	405
DEn	966	1,282	1,593	1,849	1,614	1,323	2,132	2,132	2,788
DEnL	333	435	536	619	543	449	711	711	923
DK	66	93	115	126	122	106	190	190	230
EE	16	22	39	37	31	36	57	57	70
ES	1,031	1,257	1,281	1,292	1,269	1,135	1,549	1,549	1,823
FI	103	114	148	152	131	140	220	220	240
FR	1,197	1,845	2,495	2,243	2,088	1,711	3,278	3,278	3,893
FRnL	143	206	265	223	187	150	336	336	391
GR	125	158	152	186	191	149	213	213	236
HR	91	121	107	107	145	93	161	161	175
HU	314	425	539	623	574	443	780	780	820
IE	146	166	193	202	201	188	220	220	282
IT	2,139	2,718	3,618	3,590	3,373	2,885	4,122	4,122	4,825
LT	76	74	82	98	68	76	128	128	151
LU	47	46	57	54	53	47	59	59	72
LV	49	60	89	79	95	70	104	104	135
МК	8	11	14	17	13	4	19	19	19
NL	1,189	1,297	1,742	2,058	1,921	1,496	3,454	3,454	3,706
PL	460	588	647	746	669	550	929	929	973
РТ	160	180	176	198	181	176	221	221	252
RO	353	538	528	561	638	458	719	719	776
RS	62	62	62	62	62	62	95	95	104
SE	23	31	37	43	41	34	86	86	86
SI	33	40	42	47	46	39	56	56	62
SK	156	205	269	281	253	229	441	441	496
UK	2,450	3,165	3,969	4,325	4,107	3,551	4,403	4,403	5,144
UKn	61	66	68	74	72	68	93	93	94
TOTAL	14,309	18,216	22,634	23,985	22,446	18,750	29,687	29,687	34,533

Gas zones: Germany (DEg: GASPOOL, DEn: NCG, DEgL: GASPOOL L-gas, DEnL: NCG L-gas), French (FRnL: GRTgaz Nord L-gas), Belgium (BEh: H-gas zone, BEI L-gas zone) UKn (Northern Ireland), Bulgaria (BGn), Northern Ireland (UKn)

²¹ The Cold Demand for Germany has been updated due to the decrease of Las demand and the increase of Hgas demand.



Exports to Ukraine

Table 10.-Exports to Ukraine.

Country	October	November		January	February	March	2W-Week1		DC	
UAe	325	325	325	325	325	325	416	416	416	4



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Annex C – Modelling approach

The simulations consider the existing European gas infrastructure as of 1st October 2018.

ENTSOG modelling tool (NeMo) builds on TSO expertise and hydraulic modelling of national infrastructure to model the European infrastructure with the most relevant accuracy. This enables the national assessment of relevant risks affecting the security of gas supply to benefit from the Union wide simulation of supply and infrastructure disruption scenarios and further extend the local assessment with a higher granularity.



EU network modelling by *entsog*



Illustration 1: NeMo tool simplistic overview



In all cases, the cooperative modelling is done on the basis of an optimal crisis management. That is, in case a country faces a demand curtailment, all the other countries will cooperate in order to share the same ratio of demand curtailment.

Underground gas storages:

Dynamic modelling is applied for the underground gas storages (UGS), taking into account the influence of UGS inventory on withdrawal deliverability by using withdrawal deliverability curves. These deliverability curves²² have been revised in cooperation with GSE.

LNG supply:

The send-outs from the terminals are modelled to represent the sum of both the off-loaded volumes of arriving cargos and gas from tanks. As for the previous Winter Outlook, the 2-Week Cold Spell is split in 2 periods to allow a differentiation of the LNG terminals behaviour between the first and the second week.

- First week, the model will determine the LNG send-outs using the level of LNG supply reached in LNG terminals for February as a result from the whole winter simulation, plus additional LNG that can be taken from the tanks.
- Second week allows importers to access a relevant number of cargos, so that the LNG supply reaching the terminals can reach the February maximum supply potential. In addition, the LNG send-outs can use the remaining LNG stored in the tanks.

²² See Annex A



LNG terminals tank flexibility

LNG stocked in the tanks fluctuates within a normal operating range of LNG in the tanks following normal operation. Besides, there is a minimum amount of LNG that must be kept in the tanks for a safe operation.

However, in case of high demand events such as cold spells or peak demand days, this minimum amount can be lowered, and part of the tanks are therefore used as a buffer volume, waiting for more LNG carriers to unload.

ENTSOG models this tank flexibility based on figures provided by the LSOs via GLE (Annex B).



Remaining Flexibility indicator

This indicator measures the resilience at balancing zone (zone) level to cope with climatic stress and route disruption. It aims at capturing the extra supply flexibility a country can access through its infrastructure.

This indicator is calculated as the increase (100%) of demand an area can accommodate before an infrastructure or supply limitation is reached somewhere in the European gas system. The



value is expressed as 100% minus the percentage of disruption of the additional demand. The higher the value, the better the resilience is.

A zero value would indicate that the country is not able to fulfil any additional demand and experience disrupted demand. A 100% value would indicate that it is possible to supply a demand multiplied by a factor two.

The value of the indicator is set as the possible increase in demand of the Zone before an infrastructure or supply limitation is reached somewhere in the European gas system. Therefore, the approach enables the consideration of possible infrastructure or supply constraints beyond the entry into the Zone.

The Remaining Flexibility of the Zone Z is calculated as follows (steps 2 and 3 are repeated independently for each Zone):

- 1. Modelling of the European gas system under a given climatic case
- 2. Increase of the demand of the Zone Z by 100%
- 3. Modelling of the European gas system in this new case

Annex D – Results of Remaining Flexibility

The results for Remaining Flexibility are available online as an annex of this report. The data available is specifically:

- RF in Reference Winter. No disruption.
- RF in Cold Winter. No disruption.
- RF in Cold Winter. Disruptions (Algeria, Ukraine, Belarus and BalticFinland).



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Abbreviations

CR	Curtailment Rate	

- DC Design Case
- LSO LNG System Operator
- **RF** Remaining Flexibility
- SO Supply Outlook
- > Supplies

AZ	Azerbaijan
DZ	Algeria
LY	Libya
NO	Norway

> Countries

AT	Austria	IT	Ital
BE	Belgium	LT	Lith
BG	Bulgaria	LU	Lux
СҮ	Cyprus	LV	Latv
CZ	Czechia	МК	Nor
DE	Germany	MT	Ma
DK	Denmark	NL	The
EE	Estonia	PL	Pola
ES	Spain	РТ	Por
FI	Finland	RO	Ror
FR	France	RS	Ser
GR	Greece	SE	Swe
HR	Croatia	SI	Slov
HU	Hungary	SK	Slov
IE	Ireland	UK	Uni

> Low calorific gas zones:

DEnL	Germany NCG L-gas
DEgL	Germany Gaspool L-gas

- **TSO** Transmission System Operator
- **UAe** Exports to Ukraine
- **UGS** Underground Storage
- WGV Working Gas Volume
- WSO Winter Supply Outlook

NP	National	Production
	- tational	

- RU Russia
- TR Turkey

т	Italy
.т	Lithuania
U.	Luxembourg
V	Latvia
МК	North Macedonia
МΤ	Malta
NL	The Netherlands
PL	Poland
РΤ	Portugal
RO	Romania
RS	Serbia
SE	Sweden
51	Slovenia
5K	Slovakia
JK	United Kingdom

- BEI Belgium L-gas
- FR French Nord L-gas

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