

Press Release

ENTSOG publishes its response to European Commission's consultation on upcoming Gas and Hydrogen markets Decarbonisation Package

(Brussels, 12 March, PR0234-21) **ENTSOG has today published its response to the European Commission's (EC) consultation on 'Gas networks - revision of EU rules on market access', an EC initiative to revise EU gas rules to facilitate the market entry of renewable and low-carbon gases and remove any undue regulatory barriers.**

On 10 February 2021, the EC published an evaluation roadmap/Inception Impact Assessment to inform citizens and stakeholders about plans for the upcoming Gas and Hydrogen markets Decarbonisation Package (revising Directive 2009/73/EC and Regulation (EC) No 715/2009) and inviting feedback from interested parties.

ENTSOG submitted its position on 5 March, welcoming EC's analysis of hydrogen and gas markets and agreeing in principle with the challenges identified. ENTSOG also identified key positions it believes should be considered in the final outcome, particularly in relation to hydrogen:

1. Infrastructure will serve as the driver for competitive hydrogen markets.
2. Building on similar legislative principles, preferably by integrating hydrogen into the gas legislation, is relevant for the current stage of hydrogen development.
3. The role of gas TSOs as the basis for similar regulatory principles for grid access and operations.
4. Adequate financing and cost recovery for development of hydrogen networks to be guaranteed.
5. Planning and investment clarity for initial hydrogen projects is crucial.

Jan Ingwersen, ENTSOG General Director, commented, *"ENTSOG believes that the Gas Directive and Regulation should be amended to achieve ramp-up of a European hydrogen market and maximise synergies and integration between gas and hydrogen, especially via repurposing and retrofitting existing gas infrastructure. This amendment will contribute to the EU decarbonisation*

goals while maintaining an integrated gas market and encouraging investment in renewable and low carbon gases.”

The documents relating to ENTSOG’s submission are available on the ENTSOG website, [here](#).

EC have indicated that stakeholder feedback will be considered for further development and fine-tuning of the initiative. ENTSOG looks forward to EC’s synopsis report, explaining how the stakeholder input will be taken on board, when available.

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Editorial notes

European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009 to promote the completion of the internal market for gas by facilitating cooperation between national gas transmission system operators (TSOs) across Europe and in line with European Union energy goals. More information can be found on the ENTSOG website – www.entsog.eu. List of Members, Associated Partners and Observers can be found at www.entsog.eu/members.