

Press Release

ENTSOG calls for collaboration on TEN-E Regulation to meet the European Climate and Energy objectives

(Brussels, 10 May, PR0239-21) ENTSOG welcomes the European Commission's (EC) re-opening of TEN-E as an excellent opportunity to strengthen the sustainability objectives of the European energy infrastructure. This will require collaborative efforts by all institutions and stakeholders participating in the TYNDP process. ACER has decided not to collaborate with ENTSOG to check the validity of their claims in their Opinion published on 3 May of the draft ENTSOG TYNDP 2020. ENTSOG hereby outlines some of the facts relating to the TYNDP processes and outcomes.

TYNDP Project Collection:

- Is an open project collection for all EU Member States and for all project promoters. ENTSOG does **not** select or endorse the projects.
- Number of projects reflects activity of project promoters but does not constitute an EU infrastructure plan or a recommendation. Rather the opposite, as:
- A conclusion of the TYNDP 2020 is that “...***the current gas infrastructure is close to completing the internal energy market...***”

TYNDP Project Assessment. ENTSOG has:

- Assessed all PCI-applicant projects applying the same criteria for all projects.
- Performed CBAs of the projects applying for PCI status.
- Published the results on its website to ensure full transparency of the process.
- Applied the CBA methodology approved by EC and using the sustainability indicator as proposed by EC.

ACER's claim of lack of completeness and doubtful quality of the CBA performed by ENTSOG is unusual, given ACER has participated in this methodology development process.

TYNDP Scenarios. ENTSOG has:

- Undertaken extensive stakeholder processes – for TYNDP 2020, nine workshops and consultations in 18 months gathering representation from more than 100 stakeholders/associations.

- Published all scenario data online.
- Developed joint policy compliant and climate ambitious scenarios with ENTSO-E, clearly supported by stakeholders whereas ACER has recommended to consider “Slow Progress/Behind Targets” scenario in its recent TYNDP opinions.

Jan Ingwersen, ENTSOG General Director, commented, *“ENTSOG’s TYNDP is a robust and fully transparent assessment, following the approved methodologies of EC and using proven expertise and experience. ENTSOG and ENTSO-E working together have demonstrated unprecedented, thorough and efficient cooperation in integrated scenarios and infrastructure assessment. Within the upcoming TEN-E revision, ENTSOG finds it essential to maintain the clear separation of the institutional roles, whereby the EC is responsible for policy oversight, ACER for regulatory oversight and the ENTSOs for execution of the TYNDP.”*

ENTSOG regrets ACER’s apparent approach to use the TYNDP 2020 Opinion to support their assertion for shifting the institutional roles and governance in favour of ACER. ENTSOG recognises the benefits of improving processes and increasing stakeholder involvement in the TYNDP process. ENTSOG has therefore proposed to expand the stakeholder engagement by establishing a joint ENTSOG and ENTSO-E Stakeholder Forum on Scenarios involving the relevant stakeholders.

ENTSOG is in dialogue with EC, European Parliament and European Council, as well as ACER, to address the points raised in the ACER opinion.

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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. The list of Members, Associated Partners and Observers can be found at www.entsog.eu/members.