

Press Release

ENTSOG publishes its Balancing Network Code Implementation and Effect Monitoring Report

(Brussels, 21 May, PR0318-24) **Today, ENTSOG published its most recent Implementation and Effect monitoring report for the Balancing Network Code (BAL NC).**

The monitoring report represents the 6th overview of the implementation monitoring (IM) status and 5th overview of effect monitoring (EM) status as of 1 October 2023, and shows that most countries had fully applied the BAL NC provisions, with only two countries currently having interim measures in place.

Progress has been made since the previous IM report (2021): one country has proceeded to move from interim measures to application of the BAL NC. Additionally, two balancing zones have introduced within day obligations and one country has introduced a linepack flexibility service.

The EM report shows for the first-time values of the indicators for the EU as a whole. The assessment also shows that despite the impact of geopolitical dynamics on the market (especially in gas year 2021/22) and the potential difficulty for network users to balance their portfolio, the share of balancing actions compared to the market volume taken by gas TSOs and Market Area Managers was further reduced – this is the main objective of the gas target model.

It should be noted that for selected mature gas markets, some indicators are displayed for the last six gas years. A summary of the outcome of the IM and EM of the BAL NC is available in the ENTSOG Annual Report, recently published on the ENTSOG website [here](#).

The Balancing Network Code Implementation and Effect Monitoring Report 2024 is available [here](#).

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Editorial notes

- > **The European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG)** was founded in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009 and has played a key role in facilitating integration of the European gas markets, ensuring technical interoperability and providing security of supply by gas infrastructure planning. Looking forward, ENTSOG is contributing to the net-zero decarbonisation by 2050, in particular, by the integration of renewable and low carbon gases via future-proof gas transmission pipelines, in line with the EU energy and climate goals. More information on ENTSOG can be found on our website – www.entsog.eu or contact info@entsog.eu.