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Joint Functionality Process for Gas Network Codes from ACER and ENTSG

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I. Introduction

Joint Functionality Process

✓ **The Joint Functionality Process is a common initiative between ACER and ENTSOG**

- aiming to give stakeholders a **possibility to raise issues** related to implementation and operational aspects of the Gas Network Codes which are in force
- in a structured and transparent way
- backed up by a process to prioritise and address the issues raised



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Expectation: the issues raised should result in commonly recommended guidance by ACER and ENTSOG to address them

Process: ACER and ENTSOG have set up a process to deal with issues raised in a coordinated way, making use of their existing structures

Evaluation: the platform is a pilot project, it will be evaluated once sufficient experience is gathered. Stakeholder feedback is welcome.

Aims of the webinar:

1. Explain the aim and the scope of the Joint Functionality Process
2. Explain organisation and separate steps of the process (collection, validation, categorisation and prioritisation of the issues as well as developing of possible solutions)
3. Give a practical guidance how to use the platform and how it will operate
4. Q&A session

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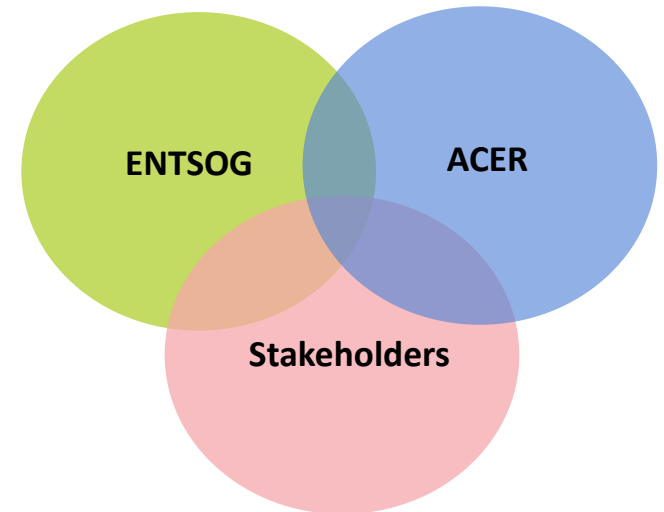


- ✓ **The first initiative to address the issues during the implementation of the CAM and BAL NCs initiated in 2014 by ENTSG and EFET**
- ✓ **Mid 2015 agreement among EC, ACER and ENTSG to set up**
 - a more structured process;
 - involving all relevant parties;
 - to ensure that this process can deliver solutions to which NRAs and ACER also agree;
 - and which consequently can be implemented.

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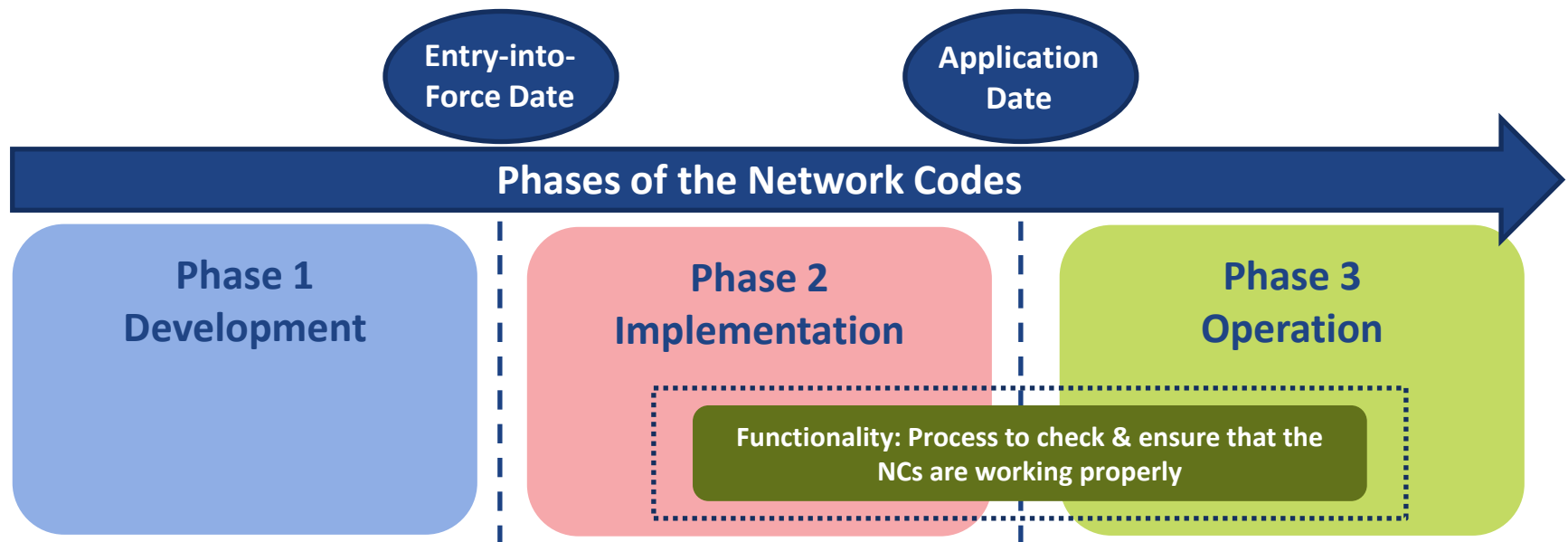
✓ Stakeholders involvement into the process:

- Option for stakeholders to provide input
- Access to all reported issues including status of their elaboration
- Involvement into development of solutions (Stakeholder consultations, workshops, possibility to become a Prime Mover)



II. Joint Functionality Process for Gas Network Codes

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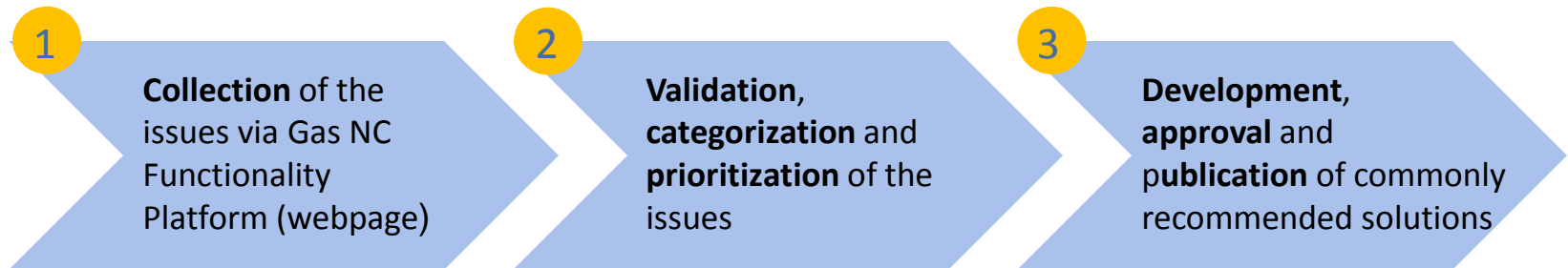
- ✓ A mutual understanding between EC, ACER and ENTSOG to develop a new additional process*:
 - **Option for stakeholders to provide input**
 - **Involvement of stakeholders in the process**
 - **Solutions to be identified for prioritized issues**
 - **Recommendation for implementation**
 - **Co-ownership between ACER and ENTSOG, supported by EC**



**The application of Reg. 713/2009 and Reg. 715/2009 is not affected.
This process is without prejudice to the existing obligations and powers of TSOs and NRAs.*

Steps of the Joint Functionality Process

- The Joint Functionality Process, co-managed by ENTSG and ACER and supported by the Commission, is aimed at reaching **commonly recommended solution(s) on implementation issues within the existing Gas Network Codes (NCs) and Guidelines (GLs)**



- The functionality process will initially be considered as a **pilot project** which will be evaluated by ACER and ENTSG after sufficient experience has been obtained

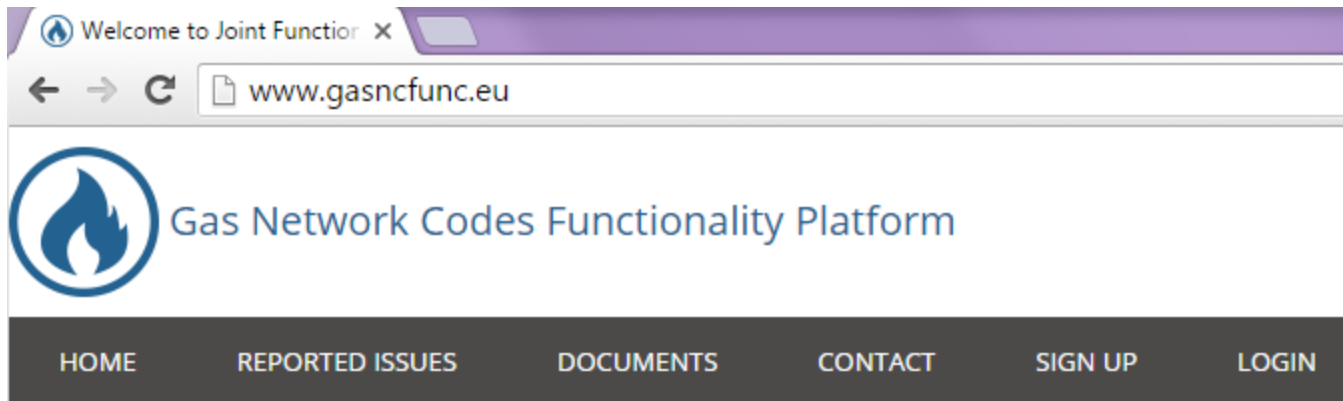
Scope of the Joint Functionality Process

- The scope of the Joint Functionality Process is limited to the issues:
 - Related to and/or derived from the existing Gas Network Codes or Guidelines, which has already entered into force (CAM NC, CMP, BAL NC, INT NC)
 - Notified by the directly affected party
 - Not already discussed during the NC establishment process; unless there were significant changes in the circumstances.
 - Also other validation criteria can be used, if agreed between ACER and ENTSG



*The check whether the issue is **in or out of scope** of the Joint Functionality Process will be done during the validation process (part of step 2)*

Gas NC Functionality Platform and collection of issues (Step 1)



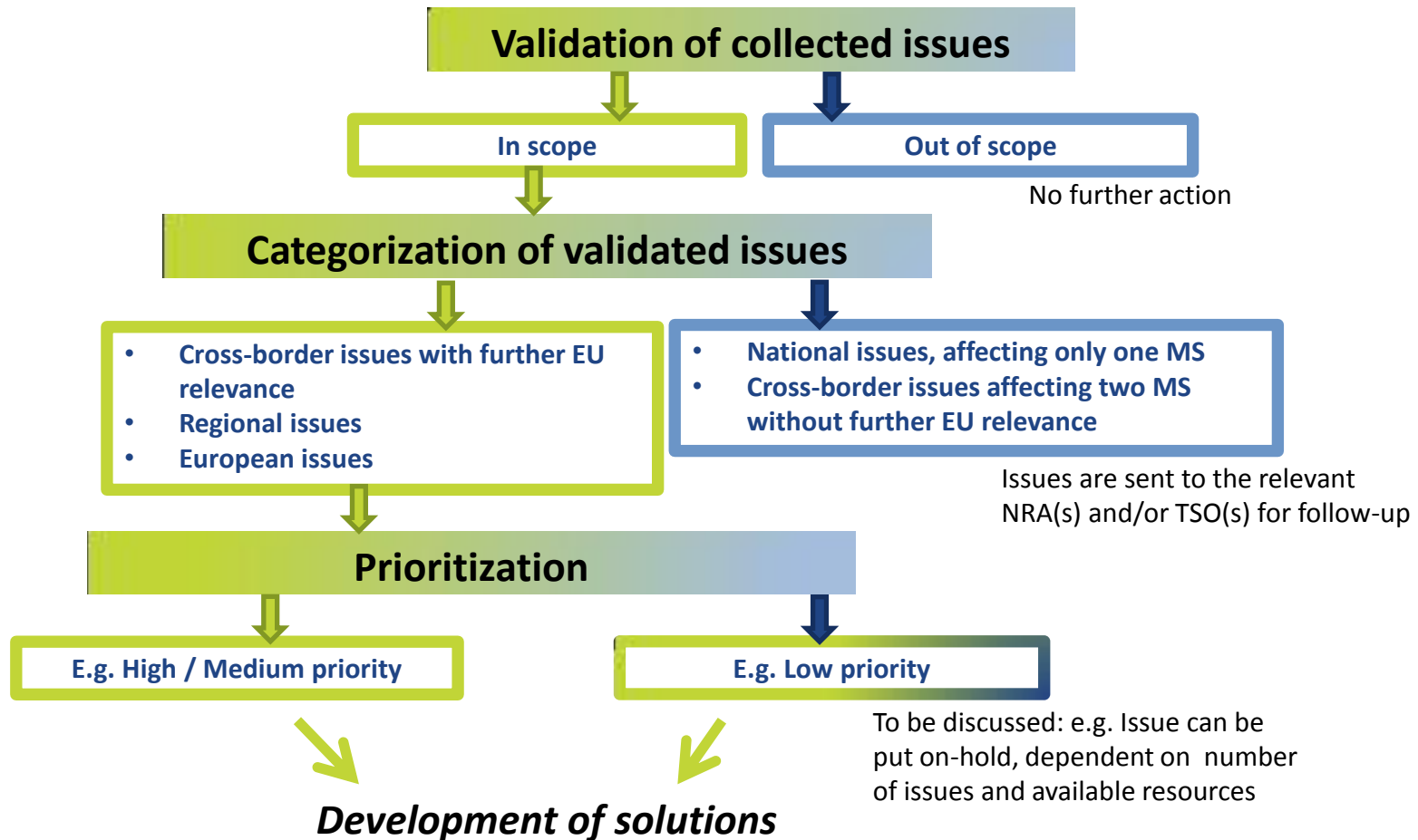
- The Gas NC Functionality Platform is the **central tool** for the collection of issues in the Joint Functionality Process
- **All users** (registered and non-registered) have access to the list of submitted issues and their short description
- **Registered users** have additional access to **the report form** as well as to **full details** provided for already reported issues including the status of elaboration

Precondition to register on the Platform

- Who can register on the Gas NC Functionality Platform?
 - **Network users**
 - **European and national Associations of the Energy sector**
 - **National regulatory authorities**
 - **Transmission system operators**
 - **Distribution system operators**
 - **EU and Energy Community institutions**
 - **Member State representatives**
 - **Other organizations in case if agreed between ACER and ENTSOG**
- Submission of valid information in the registration request is essential!

Register now !!!

Validation, categorization and prioritization of received issues (Step 2)



Development, approval and publication of commonly recommended solutions (Step 3)

- ✓ **Development of the solution(s) in cooperation between ACER and ENTSOG**
- ✓ **Stakeholders involved into discussions by e.g. stakeholder workshops or consultations.**
- ✓ **Prime Mover Groups can be established in order to facilitate the development of the detailed solutions.**
- ✓ **Recommended solution(s) are approved by ENTSOG and ACER**
- ✓ **Commonly recommended solution(s) are published**



II. User manual for the Gas NC Functionality Platform (live demonstration)

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