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Gas Transmission System Operators from the BEMIP region adopt their Gas Regional Investment Plan 2012-2021.

In line with European Regulation EC/715/2009 (Article 12), Gas Transmission System Operators (TSOs) will have to publish a Gas Regional Investment Plan every two years. To comply with this obligation TSOs from the Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan (BEMIP) region developed their first Gas Regional Investment Plan (BEMIP GRIP).

The aim of this Plan is to provide a regional gas market and infrastructure outlook and present the analysis of challenges and barriers that hamper the infrastructure development in the Baltic Sea Region.

The BEMIP GRIP 2012-2021 can be regarded as a pilot version. The Baltic TSOs would like to warmly encourage all interested stakeholders to participate in the public consultation. The TSOs will appreciate all feedback, opinions and comments that will help to further improve following editions of BEMIP GRIP, as well as to adjust it both to market needs and challenges, which the BEMIP region is going to face in the future. Please send all your comments and remarks by 30th April 2012 to this email address: bemipgrip@gaz-system.pl, which would help the involved TSOs in the works related to the second edition of the BEMIP GRIP.

Jan Chadam, CEO of GAZ-SYSTEM (the coordinating TSO in the BEMIP GRIP development process) said:

"The BEMIP GRIP is a great example of successful cooperation among gas TSOs that contributes to the integration of national gas markets into a single, well-interconnected gas market in the Baltic Sea region. This region needs such cooperation which will bring to an end the existing "energy islands", enhance security of supply and pave the way towards completion of a diversified and competitive EU energy market".

The report is available via the website of ENTSOG (http://www.entsog.eu/publications/grips.html) as well as of the involved TSOs.

Notes to Editors

- In line with Art. 12(1) of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, TSOs are to publish a Regional Investment Plan every two years.
 - ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 and currently comprises 39 members and 2 Associated Partners from 24 countries, and 3 Observers from 3 non-EU countries.
 - The region BEMIP for this GRIP comprises 7 countries and TSOs.
 - o Countries: Estonia, Denmark, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden.
 - TSOs: Energinet.dk, Gasum, GAZ-SYSTEM, Swedegas (ENTSOG Members), Latvijas Gaze, Lietuvos Dujos (ENTSOG Associated Partners), Eesti Gaas