

Press Release

Gas Transmission System Operators from Central Eastern Europe adopt their Gas Regional Investment Plan 2012-2021.

In line with Article 12 of the European Regulation (EC) 715/2009, TSOs will now publish a Gas Regional Investment Plan every two years. To comply with this obligation, Gas Transmission System Operators from Central Eastern Europe (CEE GRIP TSOs) developed their first Gas Regional Investment Plan (CEE GRIP).

The aim of this Plan is to show a regional gas infrastructure outlook, consistent with the Community-wide Ten-Year Network Development Plan, assessing and identifying potential future infrastructure investments. It also endeavours to capture the wider gas market dynamics by looking at aspects such as supply scenarios, market integration and especially Security of Supply (N-1) on a Regional level.

The CEE GRIP 2012-2021 can be regarded as a pilot version of this GRIP. The CEE GRIP TSOs would like to warmly encourage all interested stakeholders to participate in the public consultation that is going to be held in February 2012 and at the dedicated workshop scheduled for the 7 March 2012 in Prague. The CEE GRIP TSOs will appreciate all feedback, opinions and comments that will help to further improve following editions of CEE GRIP, as well as to adjust it both to market needs and challenges the CEE region is going to face in the future. Remarks and registration requests for the workshop should be sent by 19 February 2012 to the following email address: ceegrip@net4gas.cz.

The report is available via the websites of the TSOs involved as well as via the ENTOSOG website (www.entsog.eu):

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| • www.bog-gmbh.at | • www.plinacro.hr | • www.ontras.com |
| • www.gasconnect.at | • www.net4gas.cz | • www.fgsz.hu |
| • www.taggmbh.at | • www.grtgaz-deutschland.de | • www.gaz-system.pl |
| • www.tauerngasleitung.at | • www.wingas-transport.de | • www.transgaz.ro |
| • www.bulgartransgaz.bg | • www.open-grid-europe.com | • www.eustream.sk |

Notes to Editors

The region Central Eastern Europe for this GRIP comprises 9 countries and 15 TSOs.

- Countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.
- TSOs: BOG GmbH, GAS CONNECT AUSTRIA GmbH, Tauerngasleitung GmbH, Trans Austria Gasleitung GmbH, Bulgartransgaz EAD, Plinacro d.o.o., NET4GAS, s.r.o., GRTgaz Deutschland GmbH, Ontras - VNG Gastransport GmbH, Open Grid Europe GmbH, WINGAS TRANSPORT GmbH, FGSZ Naturel Gas Transmission, GAZ-SYSTEM S.A., eustream, a.s., Transgaz SA.