

Press Release

ENTSOG starts the development of a network code for Interoperability and Data Exchange Rules – stakeholder participation essential – Launch Public Consultation draft Project Plan

On 11 September 2012 the European Commission invited ENTSOG to develop a network code on Interoperability and Data Exchange Rules for European Gas Transmission Networks. The objective is to publish and submit a network code that is in line with the framework guideline and contributes to the European objective of further developing the internal market for energy. In order to achieve this objective, the network code will focus on technical rules for the operation of transmission systems. ENTSOG has been given twelve months to deliver the network code which must be submitted to the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) by 11 September 2013. ENTSOG has already been making preparations to ensure that it can deliver on the upcoming challenge together with the industry.

Vittorio Musazzi, ENTSOG's General Manager said: "This is the third network code we've been asked to deliver. The network code development process that we have been following up to now has been notable for the high level of participation from all areas of the industry. Today we have launched the Public Consultation of our draft Project Plan and a kick-off Workshop is scheduled on 26 September 2012 with stakeholders. We need fast feedback from stakeholders to ensure that we are all ready and committed for the upcoming challenges to deliver also this network code."

Michel Van den Brande, ENTSOG's Interoperability Subject Manager, said: "We will follow the same procedures for the stakeholders' involvement which have proven successful for the network codes on CAM and Balancing Rules, but also improve them according to the stakeholders' feedback. The draft Project Plan defines the process that will need to be followed to ensure that the network code can be developed in due time, in what will be a very intensive activity over the next 12 months. As from November 2012, we will lead a whole range of Stakeholder Joint Working Sessions involving industry participants in which ideas for the detail of the network code will be shared and discussed. We are therefore asking for the stakeholders' commitment to join us in the process at this stage: all together for an excellent network code".

The Public Consultation Questionnaire on the draft Project Plan should be completed and submitted online at <http://www.entsog.eu/events/INTPPC/> no later than 11 October 2012.

We look forward to hearing from you and to working together with you in the network code development process for Interoperability and Data Exchange Rules.

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Notes to Editors

- In line with Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG has the task to elaborate network codes in a number of areas, including interoperability and data exchange rules.
- The draft Project Plan on Interoperability and Data Exchange Rules, together with details of ENTSOG's other work, can be found at: <http://www.entsog.eu/publications/interoperability.html>.
- ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 and currently comprises 39 members and 2 Associated Partners from 24 EU countries, and 3 Observers from 3 non-EU countries.
- ENTSOG maintains a register and will pro-actively notify those on the register about developments in this and other areas of ENTSOG's work. Please write to info@entsog.eu if you want to be included in this e-mailing list. Details of all ENTSOG's work can be found at www.entsog.eu.