

Press Release

European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas discusses their Ten-Year Network Development Plan in a public workshop in Riga (Latvia)

(21 March 2013) ENTSOG with the support of Latvijas Gaze hosts a public workshop in Riga. The aim is to stimulate feedback on the Ten-Year Network Development Plan (TYNDP) 2013-2022 and input for further development of the methodology of the next edition.

The TYNDP is an evolving report that provides in-depth analysis of European gas infrastructure and its potential development over the next ten years. This workshop in Riga is part of an extensive stakeholder engagement process as the TYNDP reflects the development of the market, the legal and regulatory framework and stakeholder's expectations.

In that context the Baltic region deserves a special attention being an island in the European gas grid, without any interconnections and only one source of supply. "Giving a holistic and transparent view on the EU wide infrastructure this ENTSOG publication will trigger further discussion and activities especially in our region," says Jörg Tumat, Vice-Chairman of Latvijas Gas, who is grateful to have ENTSOG TYNDP-workshop in Riga. He adds: "To deal with our special situation, apart from EU support we urgently need to attract project partners and investors to the Baltic States. Therefore we appreciate that ENTSOG has chosen a capital of one of the Baltic States for their workshop. And this also supports achieving the goals of the Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan (BEMIP)."

ENTSOG is keen on stimulating such a discussion in the region and is convinced about its effective outcome. An important new element in the next edition of the TYNDP in 2015 will be the application of a CBA methodology at energy system wide level to assess Projects of Common Interest as envisaged in the Infrastructure Guidelines Regulation. This Regulation is expected to enter into force in May this year.

ENTSOG hopes this workshop will help stakeholders get better understanding of the TYNDP report and facilitate their participation in the formal consultation which will be open until 21 May 2013.

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Notes to Editors

- ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009 (Regulation) and currently comprises 42 TSO Members and 3 Associated Partners from 25 EU countries, and 4 Observers from 4 non-EU countries.
- In line with Art. 8(3)(b) of the Regulation, ENTSOG is obliged to publish a non-binding Union-wide Ten-Year Network Development Plan every two years; the TYNDP 2013-2022 was published on 21 February 2013, the previous edition, TYNDP 2011-2020, on 17 February 2011. All reports are available at <http://www.entsog.eu/publications/tyndp>
- Shortly after the formal TYNDP consultation has closed and in line with Art. 9(2) of Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG will make a formal submission of the TYNDP 2013-2022 to the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER); the Agency will provide a duly reasoned opinion as well as recommendations where it considers that the TYNDP does not contribute to non-discrimination, effective competition, the efficient functioning of the market or sufficient cross-border interconnection open to third-party access.