

## *Press Release*

### **ENTSOG publishes the Cost-Benefit Analysis Methodologies for Projects of Common Interest**

(Brussels, 15 November 2013, PR049-13) Today, the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) publishes the Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) Methodologies for Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) based on the Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure, which entered into force on 15 May 2013. The Methodologies has been submitted today to EC, ACER and Member States.

The development of such methodologies started in 2012 before the entry in force of the Regulation. Since the entry into force, ENTSOG has factored stakeholders' feedback received through two public consultations and Stakeholder Joint Working Sessions into the proposed methodologies. Widespread industry support for the methodologies, including input data, is essential to enable a robust selection of projects by the Regional Groups.

Vittorio Musazzi, ENTSOG General Manager, said, *"The documents published today concretise the stakeholders' involvement and ENTSOG commitment in the drafting of the CBA Methodology. Some important challenges are still ahead and especially the definition of the input data set that will support the application of the methodologies and ensure a meaningful assessment of infrastructure projects. This is the reason why we anticipate further close-cooperation of stakeholders and institutions in the months to come."*

By Summer 2014, ENTSOG will have to adapt the methodologies based on ACER, EC and Member States opinions. In parallel, ENTSOG plans to engage stakeholders in the definition of next Ten Year Network Development Plan (TYNDP). Considering the strong link between TYNDP and the CBA, this process will enable to factor further stakeholder feedback in the methodologies and in particular to agree on data and scenarios that will serve as a basis for project assessment.

A public workshop will be held on 20 November 2013 in Brussels to explore the draft published methodologies and the engagement process for the next TYNDP. Please register your attendance on ENTSOG website. In case it is not possible for you, please do not hesitate to contact us to be part of the process.

The documents are available at:

<http://www.entsog.eu/publications/cba-methodology#CBA-METHODOLOGIES>

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#### **Editorial notes**

- > ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009. It currently comprises 42 members, three Associated Partners and five Observers.
- > In line with Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG has the task of formulating network codes in a number of areas and of adopting various communications: a non-binding community-wide Ten-Year Network Development Plan on biennial basis; Winter and Summer Supply Outlooks; common network operation tools; recommendations relating to the coordination of technical cooperation between community and third-country-TSOs; annual work programmes and annual reports.