ENTSOG launches consultation on capacity booking platforms

( Brussels 16 May 2014, PR064-14) Under article 27 (3) of the Regulation (EU) No 984/2013 establishing a Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms (NC CAM) the European Network of Transmission System Operators for gas (ENTSOG) has the task to carry out a public consultation to identify the market needs with regards to capacity booking platforms. After analysis, the results of the public consultation will be published by ENTSOG in a report. The targeted audience for this public consultation are network users who book capacity at interconnection points.

Next Monday, ENTSOG launches the public consultation on booking platforms in accordance with article 27 (3) of the CAM NC. The questionnaire of this public consultation consists of two parts. The initial consultation questions – one on temporal characteristics and the second on regional characteristics of booking capacity on IPs – will allow ENTSOG to group the respondent’s views. The second part consists of open questions. Based on the grouping of respondent’s views, ENTSOG will analyse whether or not there are differentiated market needs that arise from the responses received on the open questions. This analysis will be published together with the public consultation results in the ENTSOG booking platform report.

The consultations start 19 May 2014 and will be open until 30 June 2014, 10:00 am (CET). The foreseen publication date of the ENTSOG booking platform report is 4 November 2014.

The consultation questionnaire on capacity booking platforms can be found on: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RPDTVJC

ENTSOG also encourages all network users to participate in this consultation.
Should you require further information about the consultation or the upcoming report please contact Mark Wiekens (+32 (0)28 94 51 08, mark.wiekens@entsog.eu.)

Editorial notes

> ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009. The current number of Members, Associated Partners and Observers can be found by following this link.

> 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.

> Text of article 27 (3) of the CAM NC

“The establishment of one or a limited number of joint booking platforms shall facilitate and simplify capacity booking at interconnection points across the Union for the benefit of network users. To that end, ENTSOG shall, within six months after the entry into force of this Regulation, carry out a public consultation to identify the market needs. The consultation process shall last no more than six months, including the publication by ENTSOG of a report with the results of the consultation. The report shall identify options to implement the indicated market needs, having regard to costs and time, with a view to implement the most appropriate option, by transmission system operators or third parties on behalf of them. Where appropriate, ENTSOG and the Agency shall facilitate this process.”