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European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas publishes the 2015 edition of the Ten Year Network Development Plan. In line with the requirements of the TEN-E Regulation, this edition covers the 2015-2035 period giving a better view of the long term challenges of the European gas market.

(Brussels, PR0080-15) Today European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) publishes the fourth edition of the Union-wide Ten Year Network Development Plan (TYNDP 2015) covering the 2015-2035 period.

This edition builds on the experience acquired by ENTSOG over last five years in terms of assessment methodology and scenario development. It factors in the improvements developed to meet the requirements of the TEN-E Regulation and especially the extension of the time horizon from ten to twenty-one years and the use of price data.

This regulation gives a central role to TYNDP in the selection process of Projects of Common Interest (PCI). Firstly every project being candidate for the PCI label shall be submitted to the latest available TYNDP, secondly it provides the initial assessment of gas infrastructure, demand and supply serving as a basis for the Project Specific CBA.

Stephan Kamphues, ENTSOG President, said, "This report gives a clear view of the challenges and opportunities of the European gas industry. Market integration is progressing but still not complete. The European gas supply mix is well diversified but the sharp decrease of indigenous and potentially Norwegian production put this situation at risk. In its High Scenario, TYNDP shows that both challenges can be met guaranteeing long term security and competitive energy supply in the respect of Europe high environmental targets. But for that, we need a political and regulatory framework acknowledging well-integrated markets, stability to the sector and economic and environmental benefits of gas."

As stakeholders' involvement is a key driver for the improvement of the report ENTSOG will launch a public consultation in the upcoming days. It will provide stakeholders the opportunity to say in which extent the TYNDP 2015 meets their expectations and to give their view on what should be the priority of next edition. ENTSOG is also organizing a public workshop in Athens on



19-20 May in order to foster discussion about the report. Details on the public consultation and workshop will be communicated in the near future.

TYNDP main report and annexes are available at:

http://www.entsog.eu/publications/tyndp#ENTSOG-TEN-YEAR-NETWORK-DEVELOPMENT-PLAN-2015

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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 <u>at this link</u>.
- 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.