



PRESS RELEASE

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Enhanced cooperation between CEN, CENELEC and ENTSOG will support integration of European gas market

(Riga, 5 June 2015, PR0086-15) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CEN (European Committee for Standardization), CENELEC (European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization) and ENTSOG (European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas) has been signed by representatives of the three organizations. This MoU provides a framework for the parties to share information, exchange technical expertise and strengthen their cooperation regarding the development of European Standards and Network Codes that are necessary to ensure efficient, reliable, safe and integrated gas distribution in Europe.

The Memorandum of Understanding between CEN, CENELEC and ENTSOG was officially signed on 5 June 2015 by **Elena Santiago Cid** (Director General of CEN and CENELEC), and **Vittorio Musazzi** (General Manager of ENTSOG). The signing ceremony took place in Riga (Latvia) alongside the General Assemblies of CEN and CENELEC.

CEN, CENELEC and ENTSOG will coordinate their activities in order to ensure the mutual compatibility of European Standards, which are adopted and published by the national standardization bodies of 33 countries, and Network Codes covering capacity allocation, network connection and operational security, which are developed by ENTSOG and may be adopted as binding EU Regulations by the European Commission and Member States.

The MoU establishes a framework for enhancing the cooperation among the three organizations. In particular, CEN and CENELEC may invite ENTSOG to nominate experts who will participate in relevant standardization activities at European level. ENTSOG is especially interested in contributing to the development of standards in relation to Gas Infrastructure (within CEN/TC 234), as well as other activities such as the development of specifications for 'biomethane for injection in the natural gas network' (within CEN/TC 408). Furthermore, CEN and CENELEC may be invited to contribute to technical work that is being carried out within ENTSOG.

Speaking on the occasion of the signing ceremony in Riga on 5 June, **Elena Santiago Cid**, Director General of CEN and CENELEC, said: *"We are convinced that the collaboration between ENTSOG and the European Standardization Organizations will make a positive and important contribution to the successful completion of the European energy market. In particular, our cooperation will help us to ensure that all of the actors involved in the transmission and distribution of gas and biomethane can benefit from using standards that are fully coherent and compatible with Network Codes and other regulatory requirements."*

Vittorio Musazzi, General Manager of ENTSOG, also welcomed the MoU with CEN and CENELEC. He said: *“The implementation of binding European network codes will have an impact on various stakeholders who were previously following different rules and standards. ENTSOG is very happy about this Memorandum of Understanding, which will allow us to cooperate and exchange information with CEN and CENELEC, and contribute to the creation of applicable and consistent standards that will satisfy the needs of all stakeholders.”*

Enhanced cooperation between CEN, CENELEC and ENTSOG will support the successful implementation of an integrated European energy market, in line with the European Commission’s proposals for establishing an 'Energy Union' (COM(2015) 80 final).

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CEN (European Committee for Standardization) and **CENELEC** (European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization) are officially recognized by the EU and EFTA as organizations responsible for developing and defining standards at European level.

CEN and CENELEC bring together the National Standardization Bodies (CEN Members) and National Electrotechnical Committees (CENELEC Members) of 33 European countries including all 28 EU Member States plus 3 EFTA countries (Iceland, Norway and Switzerland) and 2 EU candidate countries (Turkey and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia).

CEN and CENELEC provide platforms for experts nominated by industry and other stakeholders to develop European Standards (ENs) and other standardization deliverables that set out specifications and procedures in relation to a wide range of processes, products and services. European Standards (ENs) adopted by CEN or CENELEC are accepted and published in all of the 33 countries covered by CEN and CENELEC’s National Members.

CEN and CENELEC work to promote the international harmonization of standards in the framework of technical cooperation agreements with ISO (International Organization for Standardization) and the IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission).

For more information, please see: www.cencenelec.eu

ENTSOG (The European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas) was founded on 1 December 2009 in the framework of European Regulation (EC) 715/2009. The Members of ENTSOG are 44 national gas transmission system operators (TSOs) in 23 EU Member States. ENTSOG also has 3 Associated Partners (in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) and 4 Observers (in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Norway, Switzerland and Ukraine).

The role of ENTSOG is to facilitate and enhance cooperation between national gas transmission system operators (TSOs) across Europe in order to ensure the development of a pan-European transmission system in line with European Union energy goals. Together with all stakeholders involved, ENTSOG develops the network codes (NC) that will set out the rules on how to integrate the gas market as well as for system operation and system development.

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