ENTSOG initiates the project data collection for the Ten Year Network Development Plan 2017 (TYNDP 2017).

This is the first step for the 3\textsuperscript{rd} selection of Projects of Common Interest (PCI).

(Brussels, 18 March 2016, PR0102-16) The gas system development is a vital instrument in achieving European energy objectives, such as security of supply, sustainable development of the energy system integrating renewable energy sources (RES) and affordable energy for European consumers through market integration.

TYNDP has a key role in the European gas system development. This role, initially established by Regulation (EC) 715/2009, was further strengthened by Regulation (EU) 347/2013.

ENTSOG has organised five Stakeholder Joint Working Sessions since January 2016 to ensure stakeholders’ engagement in the TYNDP 2017 development process and to present the data collection process for infrastructure projects for TYNDP 2017.

On 11 April ENTSOG will launch this collection process. According to article 2.4 of the Annex III of Regulation (EC) 347/2013, promoters wanting to apply for the third selection of PCI shall be part of TYNDP 2017 and therefore submit their projects through the present project data collection.

Jan Ingwersen, ENTSOG General Manager said: “The role of the TYNDP in the assessment of European gas infrastructure has been growing over the years. To support promoters in submitting their projects to the TYNDP, we have further developed our tools and process documentation. To ensure the timely delivery of TYNDP 2017 in December 2016, it is crucial that the project submission schedule and deadlines are being met.”

ENTSOG hereby releases important information for promoters regarding the timing of the data collection. All promoters that consider their projects eligible for entry should submit their projects in the “Project Submission Phase” from 11 April 2016 until 08 May 2016. Project
promoters that submitted their projects for TYNDP 2015 shall re-submit their projects and provide up-to-date data; otherwise, their projects will not be considered.

Cooperation between promoters when submitting related projects is essential to ensure a thorough TYNDP analysis. To ease this cooperation, from 09 May until 25 May 2016 ENTSOG will open the “Promoters’ Data Consistency Check Phase”: the infrastructure topology and capacity impact of the submitted projects can be analysed and, where deemed necessary, reviewed by promoters. New projects cannot be submitted.

Data will be collected exclusively through the ENTSOG Project Data Portal. Promoters can already approach ENTSOG to receive credentials to access this Data Portal or check for their existing credentials.

> ENTSOG is publishing the Documentation Kit for this Data Portal, which serves as a manual for the project submission. The Documentation Kit is available on ENTSOG website under the following link.
> ENTSOG will organise a webinar for project promoters on 4 April 2016 on project submission. ENTSOG will soon launch an invitation for this webinar.

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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 at 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.