By the end of 2016, ENTSOG will have finalised the impact analysis of the CEN standard on gas quality

(Brussels, 13 October 2016, PR0116-16) Earlier this year ENTSOG was invited by the European Commission (EC) to prepare a detailed analysis of the entire natural gas value chain and the impacts and issues associated with the application of the CEN gas quality standard to the Network Code on Interoperability and Data Exchange Rules. Recently, the EC has announced that it will not pursue a legally binding application of the CEN gas quality standard at this stage.

This announcement was made at the Madrid Forum at the beginning of the month. In addition, EC explicitly asked ENTSOG to finalise, by the end of 2016, its analysis of the impacts that the CEN standard EN16726:2015 inclusion on the Network Code may have on the entire gas value chain.

ENTSOG’s ongoing public consultation will therefore remain open until 21st October. Furthermore, ENTSOG will host the planned public workshop to share with gas quality stakeholders the draft conclusions of the analysis as well as reflections on how potential future work on the topic could be driven.

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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 here.

> 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.