European natural gas system ready for the winter 2016/17


European natural gas infrastructures and storage levels on October 1st offer high enough flexibility to cover the demand over a cold winter and to supply Ukraine with significant volumes of gas. ENTSOG also assessed the capability of the European natural gas system to cope with high demand situations such as a peak day or a 2-week cold spell.

In the hypothetical case of a transit disruption through Ukraine under a high demand situation, South-Eastern Europe would be strongly impacted. ENTSOG cooperates with ENTSO-E to assess the possible impact of such a disruption on the gas and electricity systems, through their respective Winter Outlooks.

ENTSOG Winter Supply Outlook is published annually following Article 8(3)(f) of Regulation (EC) 715/2009, to provide a valuable overview of the European natural gas transmission network for the upcoming winter.

Jan Ingwersen, ENTSOG General Manager, said: “The Winter Supply Outlook 2016/17 shows that, thanks to the gas infrastructure, shippers are able to meet high demand situations in every country under various supply conditions.”

The Winter Supply Outlook 2016/17 is available here.
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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.