On 8 December 2016, at the ENTSO-E Annual Conference in Brussels, Jan Ingwersen, ENTSOG General Manager, participated in a panel discussion on “Network Codes and Transparency”. (See below some of his statements.)

On the “Solidarity Principle” for gas: “This is, for the time being, a political discussion embedded in the revision of the “Security of Supply Regulation”. It is a difficult matter between the Member States. ENTSOG has been pointing out the need for analysing the supply corridors. But we are still awaiting to see how the solidarity principle will work out.”

Regarding the “Winter Package”: It is an Electricity “Winter Package”, but we (ENTSOG) are following it. We are a little bit concerned on the ambition level on some of the topics. We think it is important to let the market work and not to over-regulate.”

Amendment of Network Codes: “The Network Codes would not have happened without the TSOs being engaged in the ENTSOs. The idea was to bring in the industry expertise. We probably would not be where we are today, if the TSOs have not been given the drafting pen for Network Codes.”

“I agree with the conference poll: The TSOs are of course important for the implementation of network codes. But also the NRAs are necessary to establish the national framework and the industry is important to have them calibrated to real life.”

“From Gas TSO experience: The implementation of Network Codes works. - ENTSOG is always open for a dialogue with all the stakeholders.”