

*Developing the Network Code on
Harmonised Transmission Tariff Structures for Gas*

Final Project Plan

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1. Background

Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1775/2005¹ defines the process for the establishment of network codes.

ACER delivered the Framework Guidelines on rules regarding harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas (TAR FG) on the 30th of November 2013. On the 19th of December 2013, the European Commission (EC) invited ENTSOG to draft a network code on rules regarding harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas (TAR NC) and to submit it to ACER by the 31st of December 2014.

This network code could have a potentially high impact on transmission system operators (TSOs) and Stakeholders. Intensive interaction and a well-organised process with all Stakeholders is essential to develop a network code that is acceptable to all and meets the objective of harmonising the gas transmission tariff structures across the EU, to the extent necessary to contribute to non-discrimination and effective competition and the efficient functioning of the market. To meet this challenge, it is vital to have an extensive, robust and inclusive process conducted in an open and transparent manner to ensure that the well-considered development of the network code can be completed.

While ENTSOG is responsible for developing the TAR NC, it will interact widely with Stakeholders. The primary purpose of this document is to explain the process to be followed and indicate some of the key milestones during the development process. Thus, the document describes the key steps in the process and the ENTSOG vision of how it will interact with the wider community of Stakeholders, particularly during the Stakeholders' Joint Working Sessions (SJWSs) and the consultation phases of the TAR NC development.

The main documents supporting the development process of the TAR NC are published on the ENTSOG website: <http://www.entsog.eu/publications/tariffs>.

2. Objective

The objective of the project is to elaborate on the TAR FG and develop a TAR NC that contributes to the European objective of further development of the internal market for energy. In order to achieve this objective, the TAR NC will promote harmonisation of transmission tariff structures in relation to those items outlined in the scope below.

¹ OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 36.

3. Scope

3.1. Topics covered in the TAR NC

The scope of the project for developing the TAR NC is based on the contents defined in the TAR FG and the requirements given in the Regulation (EC) No 715/2009. The development of the TAR NC will take account of the interaction with the other areas.²

As a consequence, the project will be primarily focused on the following topics:

- General Provisions – impact assessment to consider the validity of harmonising the tariff setting year.
- Publication Requirements – shall cover provisions regarding the relevant information to be published by TSOs and national regulatory authorities to provide reasonably and sufficiently detailed information on tariff derivation, methodology and structure to enable third parties to make reasonable tariff estimations.
- Cost Allocation and Determination of the Reference Price – shall introduce a limited number of cost allocation methodologies with a methodology counterfactual and a complementary test to avoid discrimination. In addition, some high level rules on the application of cost allocation methodologies will be provided.
 - Incremental Capacity – the TAR NC shall include an economic test to facilitate decision making for the offer of incremental and new capacity and shall include adjustment mechanisms of the reserve price for incremental capacity.³
- Revenue Reconciliation – shall introduce rules to ensure the recovery of efficiently incurred costs by TSOs, to promote financial stability for efficient TSOs, and to promote tariff stability for network users whilst also taking into consideration linkages with the cost allocation methodologies.
- Reserve Price – shall develop methodologies for the pricing of short-term products, using multipliers and seasonal factors, and for bi/unidirectional interruptible capacity, using discounts.
- Virtual Interconnection Points (VIPs) – shall elaborate on a combination method for pricing capacity at VIPs.

² As specified in Section 3.2 of this document.

³ As explained in Section 3.2 of this document.

- Bundled Capacity Products – shall specify the pricing of bundled capacity.
- Payable Price – shall specify the components of the payable price for auctions.

In addition to the above scope, the EC has requested in its invitation letter that ENTSOG provide an impact assessment on the policy choices made during the development process for the TAR NC.

The TSOs' network characteristics and market environment in the different Member States show some similarities but also many variances. These varying national circumstances must be taken into account when developing the TAR NC, weighing the benefits of harmonisation against the costs of changing transmission tariff structures that do not deliver efficient outcomes in the context of genuine system and market needs.

3.2. Interaction with other network codes or guidelines

The TAR NC will be developed taking account of the provisions of Transparency Guidelines, Congestion Management Procedures (CMP) Guidelines and the network codes on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms in Gas Transmission Systems (CAM NC), Gas Balancing of Transmission Networks (BAL NC) and Interoperability and Data Exchange Rules (INT NC). It is assumed that the BAL NC and the INT NC will be adopted in line with current provisions but any changes to these network codes may have an impact on the development of the TAR NC.

In parallel to the development of the TAR NC, the CAM NC will be amended to include provisions for incremental and new capacity. Chapters 2 and 3 of the TAR FG contain sections related to incremental and new capacity.⁴ These sections cover topics such as the economic test, tariff issues related to incremental capacity and relevant information provisions. While the TAR NC will be developed by ENTSOG's tariff working group, the incremental capacity related sections of the TAR FG will be developed by ENTSOG's incremental capacity group. In terms of project planning, the project phases have been aligned so that consultations can run in parallel and meetings scheduled consecutively.⁵ There will be continuous coordination between the development of the TAR NC and the amendment of the CAM NC to ensure consistency where relevant.

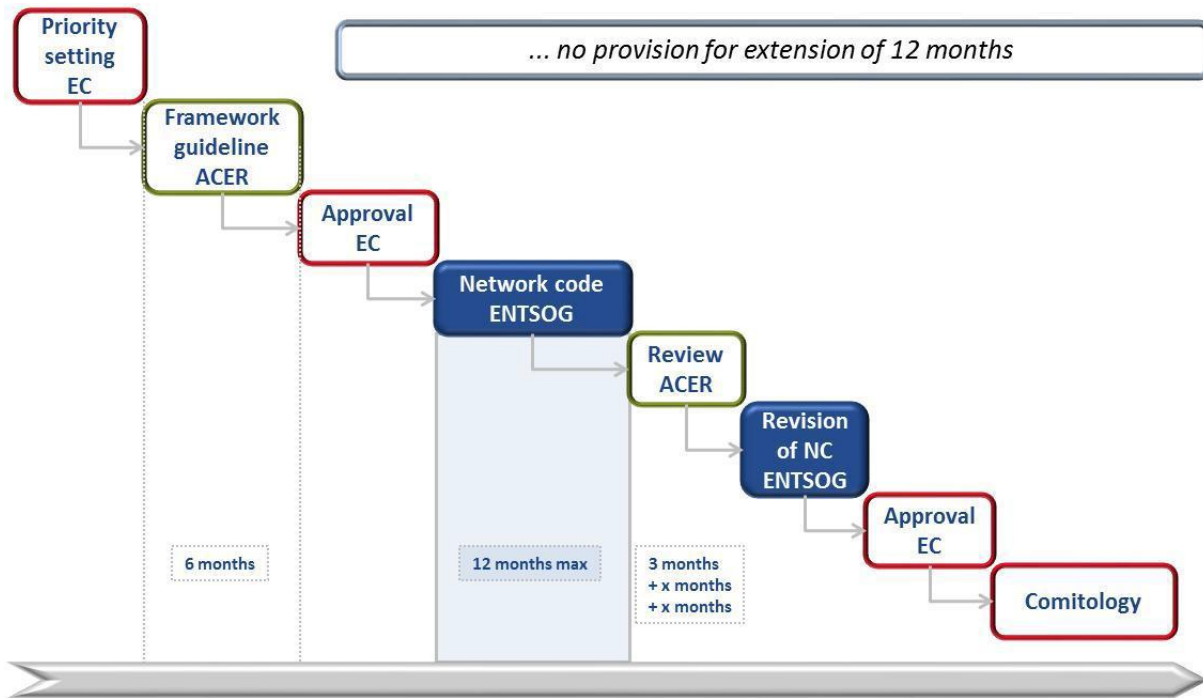
4. Context of the TAR NC Development

The TAR NC development is a vital part of the overall process of delivering binding rules to promote the completion and functioning of the internal market and cross-border trade of

⁴ Section 2.4.1 and Section 3.5.

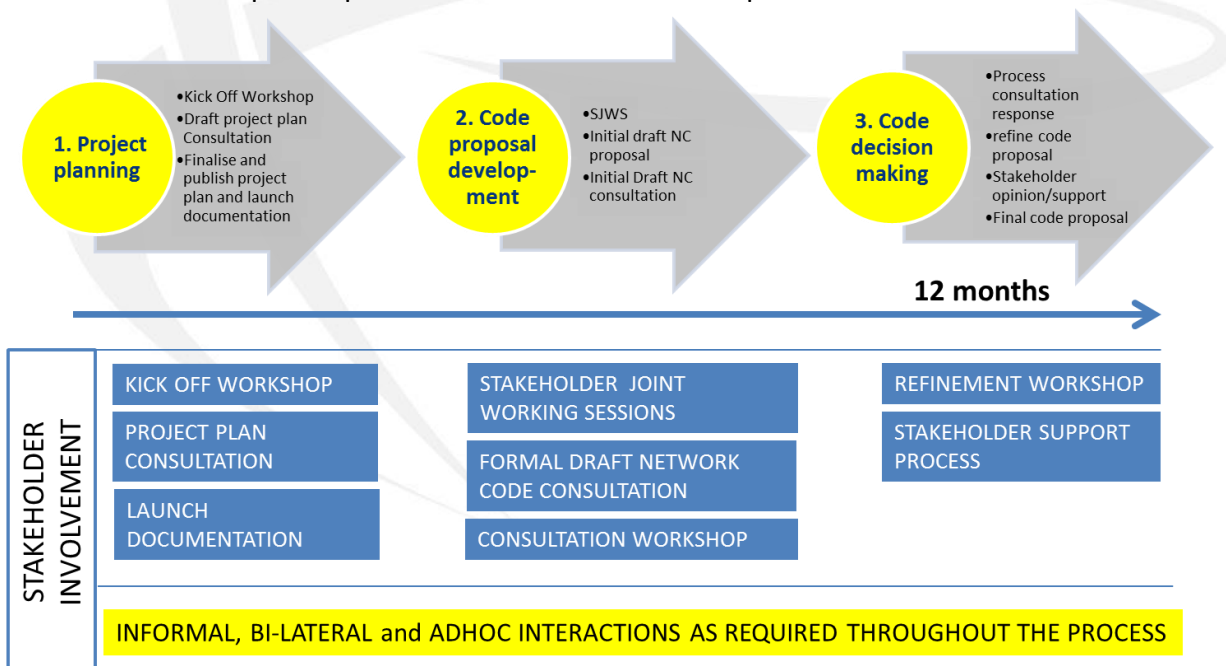
⁵ Please see Appendix B for a table illustrating such alignment.

natural gas. Below is a graphical overview of the entire process of a network code establishment, as foreseen in Regulation (EC) No 715/2009.



5. Project Phases

The TAR NC development period is divided into different phases as illustrated below.



It is essential that Stakeholders are involved in all phases of the TAR NC development process including:

- Project planning
- The core interactive activity associated with Stakeholder involvement before and during the SJWSs and the consultation on the initial draft TAR NC
- The network code decision making process

To allow maximum opportunity to take account of all views when elaborating the TAR NC, Stakeholders must be involved early in the development process to ensure that their positions are well understood. Major changes and proposals late in the process will be difficult to accommodate. Accordingly, ENTSOG seeks to create a genuinely collaborative effort early in the process to identify approaches which deliver on the policy objectives but which also attract the broadest support possible among Stakeholders.

5.1. Project Plan Development

The first stage of the TAR NC development process included the planning of the consultation and the preparation of the related documents as outlined below.

<u>Planned Start:</u>	30 November 2013
<u>Planned End:</u>	31 January 2014
<u>Main Activities:</u>	Kick-Off Meeting Consultation on the Draft Project Plan Finalisation of the Project Plan and Launch Documentation Publication of Project Plan and Launch Documentation
<u>Key Deliverables:</u>	Project Plan Launch Documentation

Stakeholder involvement

The Kick-Off Meeting was held to provide Stakeholders with more clarity on the TAR FG and to explore their initial reactions to the TAR NC development process. During the meeting stakeholders were encouraged to respond to the Draft Project Plan consultation, indicating their level of involvement in the TAR NC development process, ranging from dedicated and active contribution to an observer status.⁶ ENTSOG will also look for opportunities to engage with Stakeholders in information sessions. This interaction can be either bilaterally or on the

⁶ More information about this is given in Section 8 'Stakeholder Involvement'.

basis of meetings for wider Stakeholder participation. The time to plan such sessions will be short and can, for this project, only be done on a 'best efforts' basis.

5.2. Network Code Proposal Development

This phase is aimed at an intensive interaction with Stakeholders to deliver the Initial Draft TAR NC for consultation and its subsequent refinement.

<u>Planned Start:</u>	1 February 2014
<u>Planned End:</u>	31 July 2014
<u>Main Activities:</u>	Stakeholder engagement through SJWSs Prepare the Initial Draft TAR NC Consultation on the Initial Draft TAR NC proposal Consultation Workshop
<u>Key Deliverables:</u>	For each SJWS: an invitation, an agenda, supporting materials and notes The Initial Draft TAR NC and a Supporting Document

Stakeholder involvement

➤ SJWS

The SJWSs are a special form of Stakeholder consultation which enables the exchange and development of the ideas for inclusion in the Initial Draft TAR NC. During this phase of the TAR NC development, ENTSG envisages wide interaction with all participants. These sessions will be open to all and will be held at regular intervals.⁷

➤ Prime Movers

The Stakeholders committing to participate most actively in the process shall form a group of Prime Movers who will support ENTSG by interactively discussing the content during the development of the TAR NC. Such interactions are likely to be resource and time intensive, but it is believed that the commitment of, at least, a small but diverse group of Stakeholders will be critical to developing robust proposals and therefore assure the success of the project.

⁷ As specified in Section 7 'Activities and Timeline'.

➤ Consultation Workshop

Midway through the consultation period on the Initial Draft TAR NC, ENTSOG will organise a dedicated workshop. The aim of this Workshop is to give an overview of the results from the SJWSs and the rationale behind the Initial Draft TAR NC. Following this workshop, ENTSOG will communicate with any respondent requesting a discussion and may make contact with any respondent where such contact might assist in understanding the consultation responses.

5.3. Network Code Decision Making

This part of the process is aimed at delivering a final TAR NC for submission to ACER.

Planned Start: 1 August 2014

Planned End: 31 December 2014

Main Activities: Processing of the consultation responses
Refinement of the Initial Draft TAR NC
Stakeholder Support Process
Processing of SSP responses and reporting on SSP results
Finalisation of the TAR NC and a Supporting Document
Submission of the TAR NC and a Supporting Document to ACER

Key Deliverables: The Refined Draft TAR NC and a Supporting Document
Report on the results of SSP
The TAR NC to ACER and a Supporting Document

Stakeholder involvement

ENTSOG will take account of the feedback received from the Initial Draft TAR NC consultation when drafting the Refined TAR NC. ENTSOG will then organise a Refinement Workshop for Stakeholders to discuss the potential refinements that ENTSOG is planning to make to the Initial Draft TAR NC. ENTSOG will also ask Stakeholders for a final opinion as to whether the proposed TAR NC is an improvement on the status quo.

6. Key Deliverables

During the development of the TAR NC, ENTSOG plans to produce the following deliverables:

Project Plan

- The Draft Project Plan for consultation
- The Final Project Plan

Launch Documentation

- Initial considerations on the TAR NC

SJWS meetings with Stakeholders

- For each SJWS: an invitation, agenda, supporting material and meeting minutes with conclusions incorporated, where relevant

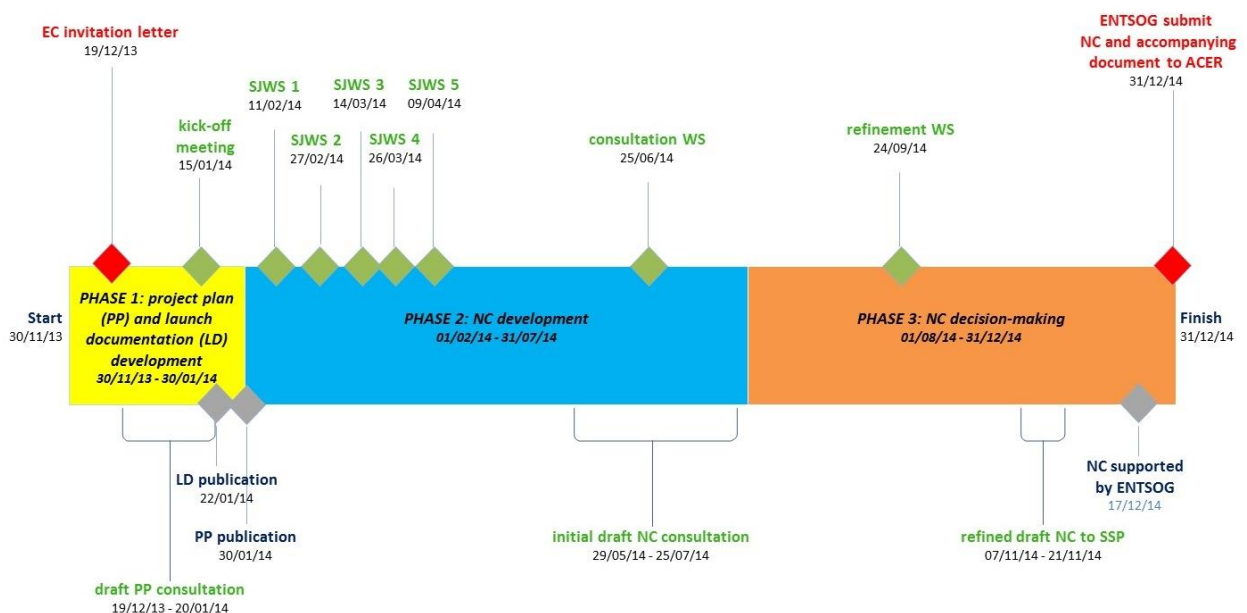
Network Code

- The Initial Draft TAR NC for consultation with a Supporting Document
- The Refined Draft TAR NC following the consultation on the Initial Draft TAR NC and a Supporting Document
- The TAR NC to be submitted to ACER with a Supporting Document

7. Activities and Timelines

The project is based on a 12 month development period with a deadline of the 31st of December 2014 as set out in the invitation letter from the EC.

The diagram below illustrates the time schedule for the TAR NC development process.



Important Dates for Stakeholders

Meeting / Workshop / Consultation	Date
Draft Project Plan Consultation	19 th December – 20 th January
Kick Off Meeting	15 th January
Publication of Launch Documentation	22 nd January
Publication of Final Project Plan	30 th January
SJWS 1	11 th February
SJWS 2	27 th February
SJWS 3	14 th March
SWJS 4	26 th March
SJWS 5	9 th April
Draft TAR NC Consultation	29 th May – 25 th July
Consultation Workshop	25 th June
Refinement Workshop	24 th September
Stakeholder Support Process	7 th – 21 st November
Submission of TAR NC to ACER	31 st December

8. Stakeholder Involvement

Article 10(1) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 requires ENTSG to ‘conduct an extensive consultation process, at an early stage and in an open and transparent manner, involving all relevant market participants.’ ENTSG has gone beyond this and invited all Stakeholders to indicate their intended level of participation when they responded to the draft TAR NC Project Plan consultation document. ENTSG has identified four different levels of Stakeholder involvement which are detailed in the table below.

Level	Description	Comments
1	Prime Mover	Committed to work on a bilateral basis and dedicate a lot of resources to assist in the formulation and evaluation/refinement of ideas/proposals for SJWS consideration. This commitment is likely to be intensive and involve many days of participation during the intensive phases of the TAR NC development.
2	Active SJWS Participant	Expected to attend all SJWS meetings and to read/review all material prior to the meetings so that the participant is prepared to explore the detail within the SJWS meetings. This commitment is likely to be around three days per month during intensive periods of activity.

3	Consultation Respondent	Expected to respond to ENTSOG consultations
4	Observer	Not expected to actively contribute to the development phase or to participate in formal ENTSOG consultations

The following Stakeholders have expressed interest in engaging in the TAR NC development process as Prime Movers:

Participant	Organisation and/or company (association, if relevant)	Name
1	E. On	Gunnar Steck
2	EDF Trading	Andrea Bonzanni
3	ExxonMobil / Statoil (OGP)	Kees Bouwens / Davide Rubini
4	Gas Infrastructure Europe	Philipp Palada
5	Gazprom Marketing & Trading	Alex Barnes
6	GDF SUEZ	Jean-Louis Martinaud/Laurent Hamou
7	Reganosa	Natalia Romero Seijo/Laurent Moriceau
8	RWE Supply & Trading GmbH	Stephen Rose
9	Utility Support Group (IFIEC/Cefic)	Dirk-Jan Meuzelaar

The following 19 Stakeholders have expressed interest in engaging in the TAR NC development process as Active SJWS Participants:

Participant	Organisation and/or company (association, if relevant)	Name
1	BP Gas Marketing Ltd	Doug Wood
2	BP Gas Marketing Ltd	Andrew Pearce
3	Centrica Plc	Helen Stack
4	Centrica Storage Ltd (UK Gas Storage Operators Group)	Roddy Monroe
5	DEPA S.A.	Maria Schina
6	Edison SpA	Monica Immovilli
7	EDF	Amroze ADJUWARD
8	EFET (European Federation of Energy Traders)	Aygul Avtakhova
9	ENEL SPA	Edoardo Settimio
10	eni	Simone Rossi
11	EUROGAS	Margot Loudon
12	GasTerra B.V.	Ivelina Boneva
13	GDF SUEZ Infrastructures	Sylvie Denoble-Mayer
14	German Chemical Industry Association	Alexander Kronimus

	(CEFIC)	
15	Hungarian Gas Storage Ltd.	Zsolt Éles
16	INTER-REGIES (CEDEC)	Marc Malbrancke
17	TAQA (Gas Storage Netherlands)	Robert Jan Maaskant
18	Vattenfall	Helga Norrby
19	VIK Germany (IFIEC)	Valentin Höhn

The following 11 Stakeholders have expressed interest in engaging in the TAR NC development process as Consultation Respondents:

Participant	Organisation and/or company (association, if relevant)	Name
1	AGGM Austrian Gas Grid Management AG	Eric Gilhaus
2	EconGas GmbH	Alexander Frank
3	Energie-Nederland	Hein-Bert Schurink
4	E.ON Gas Storage GmbH	Michael Schmoltzer
5	Eurelectric	Sébastien Doligé
6	Gas Storage Europe (GSE)	Nicole Otterberg
7	Gazprom Marketing & Trading	Francisco Goncalves
8	Magyar Gáz Tranzit Zrt.	Lajos Butosi
9	RWE Gas Storage	Daniel Urban
10	Storengy	Marta Kamola-Martines
11	Vayu Limited	Bryan Hennessey

No Stakeholders have expressed interest in engaging in the TAR NC development process as Observers.

If any Stakeholder wishes to change its level of participation then it may do so by sending an email to TAR-NC@entsog.eu.

SJWS

As detailed in Section 7, ENTSOG will hold a number SJWSs in which the concepts outlined in the scope of this document will be discussed and further developed for the purpose of elaborating the TAR NC. ENTSOG has scheduled five SJWSs over a period starting in February and concluding in April. The dates for these sessions and the proposed topics for discussion at each SJWS are outlined in the table below:

	Date	Issues
SJWS 1	11 Feb	Bundled Capacity, Cost Allocation, Interruptible Capacity & Non-physical backhaul, Payable Price, Virtual Interconnection Points (VIPs)
SJWS 2	27 Feb	Cost Allocation, Mitigating Measures, Multipliers & Seasonal Factors, Tariff Setting Year Impact Assessment (IA), Transparency
SJWS 3	14 Mar	Cost Allocation, Interruptible Capacity & Non-physical backhaul, Revenue Recovery, Storage, VIPs
SJWS 4	26 Mar	Cost Allocation, Multipliers and Seasonal Factors, Tariff Setting Year IA, Transparency, Additional topics
SJWS 5	9 Apr	Additional topics and conclusions

Amendments to the scheduling of the topics proposed for each SJWS may need to be made as the discussions on the topics progress. ENTOSOG will maintain a level of flexibility with regards to the scheduling of topics to ensure efficient use of the interactive time with Stakeholders.

Unless otherwise publicly announced, all meetings will be held in Brussels. ENTOSOG will inform the participants of the exact venue and will publish the meeting materials in due time prior to such meetings.

ENTOSOG recognises the significant challenge associated with the communication and the development of mutual understanding of all participants' positions during the entire 12-month process of the TAR NC development. ENTOSOG will therefore ensure that all Stakeholders are kept up to date via direct mailings and/or ENTOSOG website updates. All formal meetings will be documented and materials published as appropriate.

Bi/Multi-lateral meetings

In addition to the planned interactions with Stakeholders during the TAR NC development, ENTOSOG is open to interaction with Stakeholders on a bilateral basis, both before and during all phases of the project. Such interaction will assist in understanding different approaches with regards to the issues, challenges and opportunities associated with the development of the TAR NC. It will also facilitate in preparing the development of concepts for further SJWSs or subsequent considerations for the Initial Draft TAR NC.

An effective process will require engagement with Stakeholders throughout the process, possibly involving either bilateral, or where more practical, multilateral meetings with associations and individual companies.

Press

In line with the SJWS/workshop arrangements for other network codes, ENTSOG proposes to exclude press attendance at SJWS/workshops organised for the TAR NC. However, ENTSOG would support a discussion with the press on a frequent basis, to keep them apprised of developments.

9. Document Management

ENTSOG will conduct the project of the TAR NC development in a fully open and transparent manner. Stakeholders' involvement both during the interactive design phase and the consultation phase secures the openness of the process. Other means of assuring an open and transparent process consists of the comprehensive publication of all discussed and developed material throughout the process.

ENTSOG has and will continue to extensively make use of its website to make available all the TAR NC relevant material, at the following location:
<http://www.entsog.eu/publications/tariffs>.

The website is structured according to the different phases of the process, all documents remain available at all times, but the most relevant ones at a given point in time are shown first. The following picture illustrates the organisation of a given section and the different documents relating to it, with their corresponding dates (see illustration below).



The screenshot shows the ENTSOG website's 'TARIFFS' section. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ENTSOG logo, a 'Menu' dropdown, and links to 'Transparency Platform' and 'Secure Area'. Below this is a banner image of a gas pipeline. The main content area is titled 'TARIFFS' and features a date filter (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, All) and a list of documents with their dates.

Document Title	Date
Network Code on Harmonised Transmission Tariff Structures for Gas - Launch Documentation (TAR136-13)	22 Jan 2014
Draft Project Plan Consultation Questions (external link)	19 Dec 2013
Draft Project Plan for TAR NC (TAR 116-13)	19 Dec 2013

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10. Risks

Developing the TAR NC is a complex process. The starting point for it is the receipt of the respective invitation letter from the EC. Interpretation of the TAR FG text is a major consideration and ENTSOG is committed to working with ACER and the EC to ensure a common understanding. Timely understanding of those elements that might be conflicting in the TAR FG is needed, to ensure proper development of the TAR NC.

A second aspect that makes the project a complex one is the number of Stakeholders and the different interests of different (groups of) Stakeholders, especially in combination with the tight and firm deadline under which the TAR NC has to be developed. Early and thorough engagement of Stakeholders is a key measure to mitigate this risk as much as possible.

Therefore, ENTSOG must keep the tight timelines and ask Stakeholders to respect these timelines. ENTSOG staff will be open to bilateral discussion of issues that arise and for bilateral explanation of any relevant topics.

11. Appendices

Appendix 1A: Summary of responses to consultation questions

A high-level summary of the consultation responses received is provided in the boxes below. ENTSG recommends that this summary should be read in conjunction with the complete responses for a fuller appreciation of Stakeholders' views.⁸ The results for Question 1 of the consultation, 'What do you expect to be your organisations' level of involvement during the Tariff NC development?' can be found above, in Section 8 'Stakeholder Involvement'.

Sufficiency of Stakeholder involvement in project

Question 2: In your opinion, does the draft project plan for the development of a Tariff NC contained in this document provide sufficient basis for quality Stakeholder involvement given the timelines within which this project must be delivered? If the response is no, please propose some improvements for consideration.

6	No response
33	Yes, the project plan contains sufficient information
1	No, the project plan doesn't contain sufficient information

Project timeline

Question 3: What do you think of the proposed timeline, including the frequency and number of public meetings? Are any changes needed?

4	No response
33	Yes, I agree with the frequency and number of public meetings
3	No, I don't agree with the frequency and number of public meetings, with suggested refinements (A. Extend phase two of the project and reduce phase three and B. Include contingency in phase two for further discussion and preference to extend the overall Network Code timeline by a few months)

Topics for and scheduling of SJWSs

Question 4: What do you think of the proposed topics and scheduling for each SJWS? What other topics might be included?

⁸ Published on ENTSG's website:

http://www.entsog.eu/public/uploads/files/publications/Tariffs/2013/TAR207-14_140122_Responses%20to%20consultation%20on%20Draft%20TAR%20NC%20PP.pdf

4	No response
20	Yes, I agree with the proposed topics and scheduling for each SJWS
16	No, I don't agree with the proposed topics and scheduling for each SJWS, with suggested refinements (the two main suggestions were the inclusion of mitigating measures and gas storage for discussion in the SJWSs)

Use of webinars and teleconferencing for SJWSs

Question 5: Do you think it would be a good idea for there to be live streaming of the SJWSs? Do you have any other suggestions that might enhance this process?

3	No response
37	Yes, I agree with live streaming the SJWSs
0	No, I don't think it is necessary to have live streaming of the SJWS

Additional comments (if any)

Selected comments

- A respondent indicated support for covering certain topics at least twice within the period of SJWSs which allows 'enough time [for Stakeholders] to study and assess ENTSOG's proposals and to provide more detailed views'.
- A respondent noted the necessity of the publication of ACER's impact assessment, 'at least with respect to the most contentious points (mitigation measures; multipliers for short-term products; floating payable price)'.
- 'The timeline is very tight, but previous experience with other NCs showed that it is feasible. Furthermore, concentrating in the first half of the year the most demanding part of the process (in terms of travelling and deadlines for feedback), will allow ENTSOG to manage unplanned complications that could possibly arise. Finally, it is important that, as it was in the past – during the SJWSs – an open and fair discussion between all the Stakeholders is guaranteed, in order to maximise the benefits coming from the meeting.'
- 'We support the provision of a live streaming service that will reduce travel costs that sometimes represent a relevant barrier for interested Stakeholders to participate. It is important that, as for the past SJWSs, the streaming allows a real-time interaction of viewers, so that they can intervene to express views and pose questions.'
- A respondent encouraged ENTSOG to publish 'written text of draft NC provisions ('business rules') before the relevant workshops as this enables Stakeholders much better to reflect on the different topics'.

Appendix 2A: ENTSOG conclusions from consultation

Based on the consultation responses, ENTSOG draws the following conclusions:

Stakeholder level of participation

ENTSOG is pleased with the level of participation that Stakeholders have indicated. The intended participation levels provide a good basis for the challenging task ahead. In particular, ENTSOG looks forward to a good and regular attendance of those involved in the process as Prime Movers and Active SJWS Participants. ENTSOG encourages all participants to devote sufficient time to help deliver a successful outcome.

Extent of planned Stakeholder involvement in project

ENTSOG will maintain the number and schedule of SJWSs as indicated in the Draft Project Plan. ENTSOG considers that this constitutes the minimum number of formal interactions to ensure a sound understanding of the content issues that will form the drafting of the TAR NC. In case additional SJWS, workshops or bilateral meetings are necessary during the TAR NC development process, ENTSOG will consider organising these additional workshops/meetings.

Early Stakeholder participation is essential to ensure high quality dialogue and understanding during the SJWSs. The quality of Stakeholder inputs (such as examples and/or empirical analyses and/or reasoning for solutions) will be critical to the formulation of the Draft TAR NC. Thus, the process requires Stakeholders to make relevant contributions and raise both ideas and solutions at the earliest opportunity in the code development process with proper reasoning. This will allow ENTSOG to develop a robust Draft Network Code for its later formal consultation with Stakeholders. To assist Stakeholders' early input in the TAR NC development process, the TAR NC Launch Documentation was published on ENTSOG's website⁹ on the 22nd of January.

Timeline for project

Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 does not provide for a possibility of developing a network code for longer than 12 months. Based on consultation responses to the Draft Project Plan, ENTSOG recognises that Stakeholders are aware that this timeline is very challenging, but most believe that it can be managed when planning is efficient. ENTSOG is aware that in

⁹ Published on ENTSOG's website:

http://www.entsog.eu/public/uploads/files/publications/Tariffs/2013/TAR136-13_140122_TAR%20NC%20Launch%20Documentation.pdf.

some cases bilateral meetings or regional meetings may be required to reach the target within the timeframe, so is open to consider requests for additional meetings.

Topics for and scheduling of SJWSs

While the majority of respondents agreed with the topics for the SJWSs, many others requested the inclusion of mitigating measures and gas storage as topics for discussion. In light of this response, ENTSOG will include both of these topics in some of the SJWSs. ENTSOG will review the progress of key 'milestones,' such as each SJWS, to ensure that the project is running as planned and that all relevant issues are being addressed and are suitably managed within the process. On the basis of these reviews, ENTSOG will refine its planning for the TAR NC development as needed, e.g. scheduling additional workshops, meetings and/or revising the list of topics to be treated. In this case ENTSOG will inform the Stakeholders.

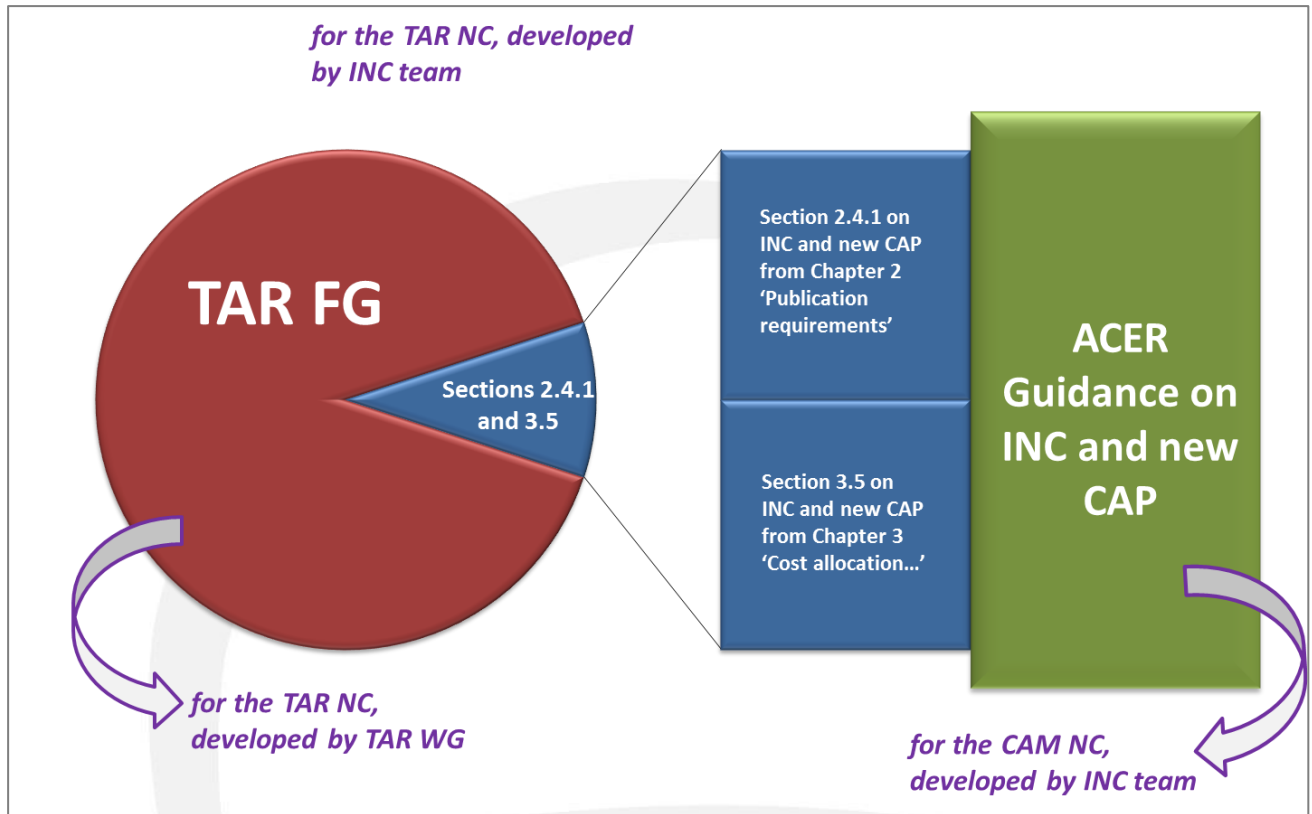
Use of webcasts and teleconferencing for SJWSs

Given that a clear majority of respondents considered that webcasts and live streaming of events might enable wider participation, ENTSOG will continue the procedure of using webcasts for workshops/SJWSs.

Appendix 3A: The Full List of Respondents to the Draft Project Plan Consultation

Respondent	Organisation and/or company (association, if relevant)
1	AGGM Austrian Gas Grid Management AG
2	BP Gas Marketing Ltd
3	BP Gas Marketing Ltd
4	Centrica Plc
5	Centrica Storage Ltd (UK Gas Storage Operators Group)
6	DEPA S.A.
7	E.ON Gas Storage GmbH
8	EconGas GmbH
9	EDF
10	EDF Trading
11	Edison SpA
12	EFET (European Federation of Energy Traders)
13	ENEL SPA
14	Energie-Nederland
15	eni
16	E. On
17	Eurelectric
18	EUROGAS
19	ExxonMobil (OGP)
20	Gas Infrastructure Europe
21	Gas Storage Europe (GSE)
22	GasTerra B.V.
23	Gazprom Marketing & Trading
24	Gazprom Marketing & Trading
25	GDF SUEZ
26	GDF SUEZ Infrastructures
27	German Chemical Industry Association (Cefic)
28	Hungarian Gas Storage Ltd.
29	INTER-REGIES (CEDEC)
30	Magyar Gáz Tranzit Zrt.
31	Reganosa
32	RWE Gas Storage
33	RWE Supply & Trading GmbH
34	Statoil (OGP)
35	Storengy
36	TAQA (Gas Storage Netherlands)
37	Utility Support Group (IFIEC/Cefic)
38	Vattenfall
39	Vayu Limited
40	VIK Germany (IFIEC)

Appendix B: Alignment of the process and Stakeholder dates for the TAR NC the incremental proposal



Meeting / Workshop / Consultation	TAR NC	CAM NC Amendment for INC	Project Alignment
Draft Project Plan Consultation Period	19 th December – 20 th January	19 th December – 20 th January	Identical
Kick Off Meeting	15 th January	14 th January	Consecutive
SJWS 1	11 th February	10 th February	Consecutive
SJWS 2	27 th February	26 th February	Consecutive
SJWS 3	14 th March	13 th March	Consecutive
SWJS 4	26 th March	25 th March	Consecutive
SJWS 5	9 th April	8 th April	Consecutive
Draft TAR NC Consultation Period	29 th May – 25 th July	29 th May – 25 th July	Identical
Consultation Workshop	25 th June	24 th June	Consecutive
Refinement Workshop	24 th September	23 rd September	Consecutive
Stakeholder Support Process	7 th – 21 st November	7 th – 21 st November	Identical

Appendix C: Milestones in the TAR NC establishment

No.	Date	Document Title/Description	Link to Document	Ref.	By
1	19 th Dec'13	Invitation Letter from Commission to ENTSOG	http://www.entsog.eu/public/uploads/files/publications/Tariffs/2013/20131217%20Invitation%20ENTSOG%20draft%20NC%20TAR.pdf	Ref. Ares(2013) 3773211 - 19/12/20 13	EC
2	29 th Nov'13	Framework Guidelines on rules regarding harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas	http://www.acer.europa.eu/Official_documents/Acts_of_the_Agency/Framework_Guidelines/Framework%20Guidelines/Framework%20Guidelines%20on%20Harmonised%20Gas%20Transmission%20Tariff%20Structures.pdf	FG-2013- G-01	ACER
3	29 th Nov'13	Decision no. 01/2013 of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators for framework guidelines on rules regarding harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas	http://www.acer.europa.eu/Official_documents/Acts_of_the_Agency/Framework_Guidelines/Framework%20Guidelines/ACER%20Decision%2001-2013%20on%20Framework%20Guidelines%20Gas%20Tariffs.pdf	DECISION No. 01/2013	ACER
4	28 th Nov'13	ACER Public Consultation on the Draft Framework Guideline on Harmonised transmission tariff structures (Cost allocation methodologies and Tariffs for incremental capacity) - Evaluation of Responses	http://www.acer.europa.eu/Gas/Framework%20guidelines_and_network%20codes/Documents/EoR_Draft%20Tariff%20FG_final.pdf		ACER
5	23 rd Jul'13	Tariff Methodologies: Examples Illustrating the document Public Consultation on Draft Framework Guidelines on rules regarding harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas	http://www.acer.europa.eu/Official_documents/Public_consultations/Documents/TARIFF_METHODOLOGIES_EXAMPLES.pdf		ACER
6	18 th Jul'13	Revised chapter on Cost Allocation and determination of the reference price of the draft Framework Guidelines on rules regarding harmonised transmission tariff structures – Public Consultation Document	http://www.acer.europa.eu/Official_documents/Public_consultations/Documents/Revised%20chapter.pdf	PC_2013_ G_03	ACER
7	10 th Jun'13	Extension of deadline to submit a framework guideline on rules regarding harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas	http://www.acer.europa.eu/Gas/Framework%20guidelines_and_network%20codes/Documents/FG_TAR_2nd_Extension%20of%20deadline_signed%20pdf1.pdf	Ref. Ares(2013) 1915066 - 10/06/201 3	EC
8	24 th Apr'13	ACER's second letter in response to the EC letter of the 15th of March 2013	http://www.acer.europa.eu/Gas/Framework%20guidelines_and_network%20codes/Documents/Letter%20Borchart_FG%20tariffs_130424.pdf	ACER-AP- DH-ss- 2013-479	ACER

9	16 th Apr'13	Draft Framework Guidelines on rules regarding harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas	http://www.acer.europa.eu/Gas/Framework%20guidelines_and_network%20codes/Documents/outcome%20of%20BoR27-5%201_FG-GasTariffs_for_publication_clean.pdf		ACER
10	26 th Mar'13	ACER's first letter in response to the EC letter of the 15 th of March 2013	http://www.acer.europa.eu/Gas/Framework%20guidelines_and_network%20codes/Documents/Letter%20Jan%20Panek_EC_130326.pdf	ACER-AP-ss-2013-395	ACER
11	15 th Mar'13	Framework Guidelines on rules regarding harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas (Letter from EC to ACER requesting additional scope)	http://www.acer.europa.eu/Gas/Framework%20guidelines_and_network%20codes/Documents/FG_TAR_concerns_DG%20ENER%202015032013.pdf	Ref. Ares(2013) 355201 - 15/03/2013	EC
12	31 st Jan'13	'4 February 2013 Open House Materials' on Draft Framework Guidelines on rules regarding harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas	http://www.acer.europa.eu/Media/Events/Open_House_Gas_Tariff/Document%20Library/1/4%20February%202013%20Open%20House%20Materials.pdf		ACER
13		ACER Public Consultation on the Draft Framework Guideline on Harmonised transmission tariff structures (for the Draft FG of 16 April 2013) – Evaluation of Responses	http://www.acer.europa.eu/Gas/Framework%20guidelines_and_network%20codes/Documents/EoT_Draft%20Tariff%20FG_16_04_2013_for%20publication_TQ_clean.pdf		ACER
14	4 th Sep'12	Draft Framework Guidelines on rules regarding harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas – Public Consultation Document	http://www.acer.europa.eu/Official_documents/Public_consultations/PC_2012_G_14/PC_2012_G_14_FG_Tariff_Draft.pdf	PC_2012_G_14	ACER
15		ACER Public Consultation on Scope and main policy options for Framework Guidelines on Harmonised transmission tariff Structures - Evaluation of Responses	http://www.acer.europa.eu/Official_documents/Public_consultations/PC_2012_G_14/PC_2012_G_14_ACER%20Public%20Consultation%20on%20Scope%20and%20main%20policy%20options%20for%20Framework%20Guidelines%20on%20Harmonised.pdf		ACER
16	29 th Jun'12	Invitation to start the procedure on a framework guideline on rules regarding harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas	http://www.acer.europa.eu/Gas/Framework%20guidelines_and_network%20codes/Documents/FG_TAR_Invitation.pdf	Ref. Ares(2012) 789016 - 29/06/2012	EC