TARGET 1. INFRASTRUCTURES

Follow-up work

- Follow-up of infrastructure development (PCIs, TYNDP, GRIP…)
- Calculation of capacity at VIPs
- Secondary market and transfer of use

The aim is to be up-to-date on the developments that may affect infrastructures in the Region and participate closely in the adoption of the PCIs list, as well as in the elaboration of the TYNDP and regional network plans. It is also important to promote a higher use of interconnections and to offer the maximum capacity.

Deliverable

- Report on VIP infrastructures utilization

Last study on interconnections use in the Region dates from 2017. The objective is to update the study, analysing the current situation of gas interconnection in the region, its usage, the assessment of the capacity allocated, gas flows and, in particular, the use of CMP when it has been necessary and the mechanisms used by TSOs to maximize the offer of capacity.

TARGET 2. MARKET INTEGRATION IN THE REGION

Follow-up work

- Follow-up of market integration in the Region: flows, spreads and regulated tariffs in interconnections.
- Keep on supporting the inclusion of the Portuguese side in MIBGAS
- Once Portuguese side has joined MIBGAS, monitoring the well-functioning of the market, in particular, with regard to the interactions between explicit and implicit allocation
- Follow-up of market areas merger in France and potential impact on VIP Pirineos
- NRAs recommendations and conclusions

The Initiative will continue supporting, monitoring and assessing the progress of market integration in the Region. In the VIP Iberico, the Initiative will keep on supporting the Spanish-Portuguese market integration towards the Iberian gas market. In VIP Pirineos, it will be following up the impact of the merge of the market zones in France happened in 2018 on prices and flows together with the instruments designed in France for TSOs to ensure firmness of capacities.

Deliverable

- Implementation of UIOLI LT mechanism at VIP Iberico

With the implementation of the new CAM NC, capacity at least up to the following 5 years must be offered on the borders, which requires implementation of UIOLI LT mechanism at VIP Iberico,
on both sides of the border. The aim is to promote a useful UIOLI LT mechanism on both sides of the Portuguese-Spanish border.

TARGET 3. CONTRIBUTION OF GASES TO DECARBONISATION

Follow-up work
- Sharing good practices/pilot projects (hydrogen for mobility, certificates of origin, impact of renewable gases on gas quality…)
- Follow-up on discussions on renewable gases implementation
- The role of gases, in particular for mobility.

Achieving a low-carbon energy sector is one of the priorities for Europe in the next years and the Initiative can contribute to this goal by proving a forum where participants can exchange experiences, promote the use of renewable gases and coordinate implementation of a balanced mix of energy sources and technologies.

TARGET 4. ANY OTHER ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

- "Abolition of summer time changes" as per new EU Directive proposal - analysis of impacts and implementation (depending on the progress of European regulation to this respect)