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1 Context

The entry into force of the Third energy package and the commitment of the Member States to complete the internal energy market by 2014 set a firm regulatory, institutional and political background to achieve this goal. This year, 2014 becomes an even more ambitious target date, which requires a reinforced commitment to the goal of integrating the regions into a single market and the actual mobilisation of stakeholders through the Regional Initiatives process, under ACER's coordination.

In order to reach the goal, national regulatory authorities (NRAs) and ACER are giving a new momentum to regional and cross-regional work through the Gas Regional initiative (GRI). At the request of ACER, NRAs revised during the first quarter of 2013 their Work Plans 2011-2014, reflecting the updated status of regional projects and their planned deliverables and milestones. The Work Plans aim to be a true roadmap leading to progress on the completion of the Internal Energy Market (IEM) in 2014.

In parallel to this work at regional level, an important step forward was taken towards a higher cross-regional integration with the publication on 1 March 2013 of the Roadmap for the early implementation of the Network Code on capacity allocation mechanisms (CAM Roadmap). The CAM Roadmap, a joint effort by ACER and ENTSOG, aims to facilitate the early implementation of the provisions from the CAM Network Code, before it becomes legally binding in November 2015, by identifying pilot projects at cross-border interconnection points in EU Member States and facilitating their implementation.

2 Objective of the Quarterly report

This Quarterly report aims at monitoring progress in the implementation of the pilot projects and activities planned in the regional Work Plans 2011-2014¹, with a focus on the priority areas as determined by the Lead NRAs, under the guidance of the European Commission and ACER. The report also serves to report and keep track in the areas where cross-regional work is starting to be undertaken for the early implementation of Network Codes, such as in the area of Capacity Allocation Mechanisms (CAM) through the CAM Roadmap² jointly developed by ACER and ENTSOG.

Since the GRI Quarterly report is a progress report, it is focused on the main developments and achievements made throughout the three regions only during the quarter at hand and does therefore not include all information on the background and previous developments on the regional projects. For further information about this background and previous developments, please consult the regional Work Plans 2011-2014¹ and the previous Quarterly reports³ in ACER website.

¹ For more details on the projects and deliverables planned in these Work Plans:
http://www.acer.europa.eu/Gas/Regional_%20Intiatives/Gas_regional_work_plan/Pages/Gas-Regional-Work-Plans.aspx

² For more details on the milestones and deadlines set out in the CAM Roadmap:
http://www.acer.europa.eu/Gas/Regional_%20Intiatives/CAM_roadmap/Pages/default.aspx

³ http://www.acer.europa.eu/Gas/Regional_%20Intiatives/Pages/Reports.aspx

3 Early implementation of Capacity Allocation Mechanisms (CAM)

3.1 CAM Roadmap

The CAM Roadmap in a nutshell

The CAM Roadmap jointly developed by ACER and ENTSOG aims to facilitate the early implementation of the provisions from the Network Code on capacity allocation mechanisms (CAM NC), before it becomes legally binding in November 2015, by identifying pilot projects at cross-border interconnection points in EU Member States and monitoring their implementation. These projects allow testing the NC provisions, exchanging experiences between the parties involved and drawing lessons from the process and paving the way towards the timely implementation of the CAM NC across Europe as a step towards the IEM. The early implementation is a voluntary process and relies on the commitment of TSOs and NRAs involved in the pilot projects, as well as on the support of ACER, ENTSOG, the European Commission and stakeholders.

The CAM Roadmap was drafted by ACER and ENTSOG with the valuable contribution from TSOs and NRAs over the second half of 2012 and first quarter of 2013 and was published on 1 March 2013. The CAM Roadmap will be regularly updated in order to reflect progress in the projects and take stock of the experience gained and the lessons learned in the process.

Review of progress review during this quarter

During this quarter, ENTSOG and ACER have updated the CAM Roadmap in order to reflect progress in the CAM pilot projects, take stock of the issues identified during early implementation and of the solutions adopted and add more detailed information on early implementation of the CAM NC provisions per interconnection point (IP). The new version of the CAM Roadmap (October 2013) is available at ENTSOG⁴ and ACER websites⁵.

The main developments in the CAM pilot projects over this quarter were as follows:

Pilot projects	Countries involved	Progress achieved during Q3 2013	Pending issues / actions
PRISMA platform	AT, BE, DK, FR, DE, IT, NL	<p>Auctions started in April 2013 and have been running in a successful manner up to now. The main results of the auctions⁶ in this quarter were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - July: 449 successful auctions held with 153.6 kWh/h allocated. - August: 495 successful auctions held with 157.6 kWh/h allocated. 	<p>No issues reported from the development of the auctions.</p> <p>Next steps for the platform are the offer of secondary capacity functionality as of Jan. 2014, multicurrency trading in 2014 and launch of within-day trading.</p> <p>More TSOs are expected to join PRISMA in the</p>

⁴ <http://www.entsog.eu/public/uploads/files/publications/CAM%20Network%20Code/2013/CAP0395-13%20CAM%20Roadmap%20Update%20October%202013%20FINAL.pdf>

⁵ http://www.acer.europa.eu/Gas/Regional_%20Intiatives/CAM_roadmap/Pages/default.aspx

⁶ PRISMA publishes monthly reports with the detailed results of the auctions run at the platform: <https://primary.prisma-capacity.eu/trading/reports.xhtml?conversationContext=1>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sept.: 617 successful auctions held with 187.5 kWh/h allocated. <p>By the end of Q3 2013, there were 296 companies with 892 users registered in the platform.</p>	coming months (as shareholders or via pilot projects)
South CAM Roadmap	ES, FR, PT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Publication of South CAM Roadmap in June 2013. - Auction process ES-PT successfully applied in 2012 (for annual and monthly capacity) and 2013 (annual and quarterly capacity). - Low volumes auctioned due to current market context and low demand. 	TSOs are adapting their IT systems with the aim to offer as much bundled capacity as possible in VIP. South TSOs are already joining PRISMA or will do it in the next months. Auctions for whole region (ES-PT-FR) are expected to start in 2014, with yearly capacity products in March, quarterly products in June, monthly in September and day-ahead & within-day before Nov. 2015. In France, the calendar of auctions at IPs has been defined by CRE Deliberation of 17 October.
Bundled Product at Lasów IP	DE, PL	<p>The first pilot auction was launched in June 2013 and its main features were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Total technical capacity: 2000 MWh/h - Offered capacity: 58 MWh/h - Allocated capacities (quarterly products): Q1 2014: 57 MWh/h Q2 2014: 20.1 MWh/h Q3 2014: 21.12 MWh/h 	<p>The project is using the PRISMA platform. Next auctions are planned to take place in 2014, according to the following calendar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yearly products as of March 2014 - Quarterly products as of June 2014 - Monthly and daily products as of end 2014
Hungary/Romania bundling project and platform	HU, RO	<p>Auctions did not start yet. Significant preparatory work – both of operational and regulatory nature – has been undertaken by TSOs and NRAs involved over this and previous quarters.</p>	<p>Auctions were to be started in Sept. 2013 but due to organisational changes in the parties involved there was a delay. The project roadmap has been adapted accordingly. The final date for the entry into operation of the platform will depend on the successful resolution of the outstanding legal and regulatory issues. The first auctions are now expected on 18 Nov. 2013, starting with monthly products.</p>

4 Progress in regional projects – South region

4.1 CMP harmonisation proposal

The project in a nutshell

The goal of the South region on CMP for 2014 is having in place coordinated and harmonised CMPs in all the interconnections in the region. The activities planned to reach this goal are the design of a CMP pilot project in the interconnection between France and Spain and the extension of this coordinated CMP mechanism to the cross-border capacity between Spain and Portugal. TSOs in the region are developing a detailed plan (Roadmap) in order to reach a harmonised approach for the implementation of the new CMP guidelines which entered into force on 1 October 2013.

Review of progress during this quarter

Project / activity	Meeting the deadline in the WP 2011-14?	Progress achieved during Q3 2013	Pending issues / actions
CMP harmonisation in the South region (Over-subscription and buy-back, capacity surrender, long-term UIOLI)	On track	Extensive discussions between TSOs and NRAs aiming at harmonised CMP implementation in the three countries, compatible with CAM NC. Initial proposals by TSOs discussed with NRAs. Ongoing adaptation of regulatory framework in the three countries.	None
CMP harmonisation in the South region (including firm short-term UIOLI)	N/A	Implementation of short-term UIOLI aimed to July 2016 (not started)	

4.2 Investment in new Infrastructure

The project in a nutshell

The goal in this area of work is the creation of a permanent framework of cooperation between TSOs in the region, ENTSOG and stakeholders, for the elaboration of the Community-wide and Regional Investment plans, update of the South GRIP and its implementation and identification of the projects of common interest in the region.

Review of progress during this quarter

Project / activity	Meeting the deadline in the WP 2011-14?	Progress achieved during Q3 2013	Pending issues / actions
Regular update and publication of project status of OS 2013 and 2015	Regular activity (yearly)	Publication for OS 2013 completed	Status of OS 2015 expected in Q4 2013
Input to ENTSOG for the Community-wide TYNDP 2013	Completed	No relevant activity during this quarter	None

Drafting of the South Regional Investment Plan (GRIP) 2014	On track	GRIP 2014 is under development by TSOs. Progress presented at regional SG and IG meetings. Expected to be finalised by end 2013.	None
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4.3 Security of supply

The project in a nutshell

The goal for 2014, defined in the updated Work Plan 2011-2014, is to contribute to the implementation of Regulation 994/2010, providing a forum where relevant authorities of the three countries can present progress on this issue and exchange experiences that can help them to reach this target. It also aims to promote both regional and cross regional cooperation in security of supply matters with an active participation of stakeholders.

Review of progress during this quarter

Project / activity	Meeting the deadline in the WP 2011-14?	Progress achieved during Q3 2013	Pending issues / actions
Contribution to the implementation of Regulation 994/2010 and exchange of experiences	Permanent activity	No significant developments during this quarter	None

4.4 Balancing

The project in a nutshell

This project aims to allow the region to be in full compliance with the provisions of the Balancing Network Code, by contributing to the finalisation of the code with the experience gained at national and regional level, investigating the use of gas markets in the region for the procurement of gas for balancing purposes, analysing the current configuration of the balancing zones in the region and their possible integration and, as a result, launching a pilot project for a common balancing platform integrating balancing systems in the region.

Review of progress during this quarter

Project / activity	Meeting the deadline in the WP 2011-14?	Progress achieved during Q3 2013	Pending issues / actions
Contributing to FG-NC, with regional experience and lessons learned	Permanent activity	Identification of aspects to be harmonised simultaneously with CAM NC early implementation: - Gas day - Nomination / renomination schedule	None
Investigation of the use of the gas markets in the	Expected	Not started by the end of this quarter	None

region for balancing purposes			
Analyse the current configuration of balancing zones and possible merging of areas	Ongoing	Ongoing process for analysis of merging of balancing zones in France until 2018. Ongoing process for analysing merging of areas between and Spain and Portugal.	None
Pilot project for a common balancing platform in the three countries	Expected	Not started by the end of this quarter	None

4.5 Tariffs

The project in a nutshell

The objective is the harmonization of transmission tariff structures, initially at cross-border points between Portugal and Spain, through the realisation of a joint study for comparing the current tariff regimes in both countries, and in particular for gas consumed in one country with entry in the adjacent one, to analyse the existence of “pancaking” and to identify other possible obstacles and proposals for improvement.

Each country will be working on developing a national entry-exit system following European guidelines. A common task for launching tariff harmonisation proposals is to be initiated after these national regulatory processes are concluded.

Review of progress during this quarter

Project / activity	Meeting the deadline in the WP 2011-14?	Progress achieved during Q3 2013	Pending issues / actions
Joint study on tariff regimes in Spain and Portugal	Yes	Completed (in 2012)	None
Proposal for tariff harmonisation in Spain and Portugal	Yes	No significant developments during this quarter	New act (“Circular”) under preparation by CNMC
Further studies to evaluate the current tariff structures and propose improvements	Expected	Progress at national level in line with the results of the previous study	

4.6 Interoperability

The project in a nutshell

The project seeks to contribute to the development of the NC in this area, building on the regional experience and harmonising interoperability aspects in line with the outcome of the FG and the NC developed on this area.

Review of progress during this quarter

Project / activity	Meeting the deadline in the WP 2011-14?	Progress achieved during Q3 2013	Pending issues / actions
Contribution with regional experience to the development of FG-NC	Permanent activity	Contribution to FG-NC process through ACER groups	None
Analysis of interoperability aspects and procedures that need to be harmonised among the three countries (in line with FG-NC)	On track	Identification of aspects to be harmonised simultaneously with CAM NC early implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gas day - Combustion reference temperature: capacity and nomination - Automatic data exchange between TSOs 	None
Harmonisation of communication protocols between TSOs, gas day, programming and nomination schedules, quality standards, etc.	Expected	Not started by the end of this quarter	

4.7 Developing hub-to-hub trading in the South region

The project in a nutshell

The goal of the project is the promotion and endorsement of organised gas markets (hubs) and the development of hub-to-hub gas trading in the region. Spanish and Portuguese NRAs are analysing possible models for the creation of an organised gas market (hub) in the Iberian Peninsula (MIBGAS).

Review of progress during this quarter

Project / activity	Meeting the deadline in the WP 2011-14?	Progress achieved during Q3 2013	Pending issues / actions
Hub development: Models for integration of Spain and Portugal in an Iberian gas hub	Expected	Ongoing analysis of possible models for the Iberian gas hub. Starting analysis of LNG role and flows in the interconnection.	It is envisaged to draft a document outlining the advantages and drawbacks of the possible models and the requisites in regulatory harmonisation for their implementation by CNMC and ERSE. The approval by NRAs is expected for Q4 2013 and a public hearing to stakeholders during Q1 and Q2 2014..
Hub-to-hub gas	Expected	Working Group established	The final document with the

trading in the region		in Spain with stakeholders' participation to revise regulation in order to foster the development of the Iberian gas hub.	proposal is expected to be approved by NRAs by Q2 2014.
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5 Progress in regional projects – South South-East region

5.1 Interoperability

The projects in a nutshell

Adoption of common standards

In order to improve system interoperability, all the regional systems within the GRI SSE should adopt, based on EASEE-gas common business practices (CBPs), the same units for measuring gas as well as a harmonized definition of the gas day, also taking into account possibilities for early NC/FG implementation with regard to interoperability and other areas.

Sub-regional integration / Harmonisation of procedures

On the route from the Slovak border to Germany via the Czech Republic, there is no harmonisation or agreement between TSOs regarding units for bookings and allocation, OBAs, ISO norms for measuring / allocating gas or nomination procedures based on a single definition of the gas day, which causes risks and imbalances for shippers. The aim of this project is to harmonise procedures on the route from Velké Kapušany to Germany and back to Slovakia or Austria (Baumgarten).

Review of progress during this quarter

Project / activity	Meeting the deadline in the WP 2011-14?	Progress achieved during Q3 2013	Pending issues / actions
All TSOs adopt standards with special reference to gas-day definition, units and OBAs.	Expected	No significant developments during this quarter	Early implementation of Interoperability will start once the NC Interoperability is mature enough. Other features of the EASEE-gas rules, such as a harmonised gas day, will be implemented through NC CAM.
Harmonisation of TSO's procedures decreasing shippers' risk and imbalances in CZ/SK/DE	Expected	No significant developments during this quarter	

5.2 Enabling market integration

The projects in a nutshell

Cross-border Regional Balancing Platform

In the framework of this pilot project, CEGH planned to work on establishing a cross-border regional balancing platform to create more liquidity for all market participants by offering balancing possibilities for adjacent TSOs. This pilot project could be integrated in the following pilot project addressing the regional implementation of the Gas Target Model.

Structure of future regional balancing and trading zones in the SSE region & implementation of the Gas Target Model

This analysis is undertaken through two studies: a “macroeconomic” study on possibilities for cross-border market integration in Europe, focussing on an analysis of macroeconomic welfare benefits of market integration evaluating two case regions (AT-SK-CZ and AT-IT); and a second study on the identification of possible implementation steps of the measures proposed in the Gas Target Model in the GRI SSE region, from an institutional and practical perspective (analysis of the creation of a Trading region in CEE, called CEETR).

Development of a Roadmap towards the creation of a common regional gas market in V4 countries

This project aims to analyse market integration within the Visegrad Region (V4 - Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary) leading to the elaboration of a ‘Roadmap towards the common regional V4 gas market’. Following the endorsement of the Roadmap by V4 Prime Ministers in June 2013, the implementation phase shall be carried out within the GRI SSE region ensuring consistency with other projects in the region on the same field.

Review of progress during this quarter

Project / activity	Meeting the deadline in the WP 2011-14?	Progress achieved during Q3 2013	Pending issues / actions
Cross-border Regional Balancing Platform	Expected	No significant developments reported during this quarter	The project promoter (CEGH) has reported that its platform is already providing trading and system services (including balancing) to Slovak TSO (eustream), since it became a shareholder of CEGH in September 2012. Further insight is expected to be provided during Q4 2013.
Structure of future regional balancing and trading zones in the SSE region & implementation of the Gas Target Model	First phase completed Second phase delayed	No significant achievements during this quarter	Delay in the launch of phase 2 due to lack of clarity about overlap with other projects in the region. Possible change in geographical scope to be decided until end 2013.
Roadmap towards the creation of a common regional gas market in V4 countries	Expected	Roadmap for V4 markets integration endorsed by V4 Prime Ministers in June 2013. On 1 July 2013 Hungary took over the Presidency of the Visegrad Group until	Future V4 presidencies to continue implementing the Roadmap according to planned steps. Coordination between V4 and CEETR projects to be monitored.

		June 2014.	V4 Gas Forum Kick-off meeting held on 29 October in Budapest.
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5.3 Infrastructure

The project in a nutshell

The work developed under this area in the GRI SSE aims, on the one hand, at getting involved in the PCI selection process organised within the new TEN-E Regulation and, on the other hand, at sharing information at regional level regarding the GRIPs developed in the region and submitting input to the TSOs involved in their preparation.

Review of progress during this quarter

Project / activity	Meeting the deadline in the WP 2011-14?	Progress achieved during Q3 2013	Pending issues / actions
Check investment plans against the background of future market architecture scenarios	On track CEE GRIP 2014-2023: on track SC GRIP 2014 - 2023	In late September - early October, all GRIPs' coordinators who envisage detailed network modelling (i.e. CEE, SC, N-W, South) agreed jointly on a common list of scenarios for modelling. This analysis will be carried out at once for all of the four regions. CEE GRIP 2014-2023: The analysis and report drafting is currently underway. The 6 th coordination meeting of CEE GRIP TSOs took place on 16 October in Prague. In August 2013 TSOs met in Budapest for the preparation of the cases to be modeled for the preparation of the GRIP report. The list with the cases to be modeled was finalised in mid-October 2013.	Presentation of the CEE GRIP is expected on 26 November at the ENTSOG workshop on GRIPs.
Consultation of the GRIPs	CEE GRIP 2014-2023: expected	No significant developments during this quarter	Public consultation and a dedicated workshop for stakeholders are envisaged following the CEE GRIP 2014-2023 publication, planned for Q1 2014.

	SC GRIP 2014 - 2023	No significant developments during this quarter	A presentation of the approach adopted for the preparation of this GRIP and the selection of the clusters of projects to be used in network modelling will be made at ENTSOG Workshop on GRIPs on 26 November. After issuing the report, in March 2014, this may be presented at appropriate events organised by third parties.
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5.4 Security of Supply

The project in a nutshell

Member States and NRAs use the GRI SSE as a forum to exchange experiences on security of supply and in particular on the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 994/2010, regarding the risk assessments, preventive action plans and other obligations stemming from it.

Review of progress during this quarter

Project / activity	Meeting the deadline in the WP 2011-14?	Progress achieved during Q3 2013	Pending issues / actions
Exchange best practice and consult SoS preventive action plans within the GRI SSE	Permanent activity	No significant developments during this quarter	

6 Progress in regional projects – North-West region

6.1 Gas Regional Investment Plan (GRIP)

The project in a nutshell

At the end of November 2011, the North-West TSOs (hereafter: the TSOs) published the first GRIP for GRI NW and submitted it to public consultation. Recognising the importance of the GRIP, it was agreed that NRAs and TSOs would ensure that the next GRIP would be “fit for purpose”. It was therefore agreed that NRAs within GRI NW would draft recommendations to TSOs in that respect, while TSOs would take these recommendations into account when drafting the subsequent GRIPs. In 2012, NRAs within GRI NW therefore drafted recommendations (based upon the 2011 GRIP) on how the 2013 GRIP could be further improved. As a next step, taking into account the recommendations of NRAs within GRI NW, the TSOs drafted the outline and content of the 2013 GRIP which was up for consultation in Q2 2013. This outline served as the basis for drafting the actual 2013 GRIP.

Review of progress during this quarter

Project / activity	Meeting the deadline in the WP 2011-14?	Progress achieved during Q3 2013	Pending issues
Drafting of the draft 2013 GRIP	Yes	TSOs have finalised the draft GRIP 2013 and sent it for feedback to NRAs within GRI NW	None
Feedback of NRAs within GRI NW on 2013 draft GRIP	Yes	Feedback sent to TSOs by NRAs within GRI NW	None
Publication of final 2013 GRIP	Expected	To be published in Q4 2013	None

6.2 Pre-comitology meetings

The project in a nutshell

NRAs, TSOs and Member States within the GRI NW discuss timely in an open dialogue the content of each FG and NC in so-called “pre-comitology meetings”. Through the pre-comitology meetings, NRAs can explain the background to the principles that are in the FGs, while TSOs can explain how the principles in a FG are translated in a NC. Member States can not only gain a good understanding of the direction that each FG and NC is going, but it also enables them to timely communicate their opinion on the specific FGs and NCs.

Review of progress during this quarter

Project / activity	Meeting the deadline in the WP 2011-14?	Progress achieved during Q3 2013	Pending issues / actions
Pre-comitology meetings	Permanent activity	No meetings held during this quarter. Next meeting scheduled on 21 November (focus on Tariffs, Interoperability, Rules for trading)	None

6.3 Exploring the feasibility of implicit allocation in the gas market

The project in a nutshell

The goal of this project is to explore the feasibility of introducing implicit allocation in the gas markets. From March to September 2012, NRAs within GRI NW drafted a position paper that explains whether they see added value (and under what conditions) in introducing implicit allocation in the gas market and – should this be the case – when this coupling mechanism should be introduced. Given the fact that practical experience is needed to determine the design, the position paper does not answer the question what the implicit allocation mechanism should look like in detail, but does present relevant design issues.

The draft position paper was submitted to public consultation during Q4 2012 and a workshop was organised in order to collect views from stakeholders. Following stakeholders’

feedback, NRAs within GRI NW drafted (during Q1 and Q2 2013) a document for evaluation of comments and adapted the position paper (where applicable).

Review of progress during this quarter

Project / activity	Meeting the deadline in the WP 2011-14?	Progress achieved during Q3 2013	Pending issues
Publication of position paper and Evaluation of Comments document	Yes	Documents published in ACER website in July 2013	Main conclusion is that implicit allocation can have added value, but feasibility should be assessed once CAM and CMP are implemented.

6.4 Identifying priorities for GRI NW to help further improve the functioning of wholesale markets market at regional level

The project in a nutshell

Experience has shown that it is a challenge to identify regional projects that a) contribute to further improving the functioning of wholesale markets at regional level and b) that relevant stakeholders want to commit to. NRAs within GRI NW therefore aim to identify – in close cooperation with relevant stakeholders – regional priorities where GRI NW can contribute the most and set the regional agenda for GRI NW for the period 2014-2017. The regional agenda will only be set for pro-active work (including pilot projects) of the NW Work Plan 2011-2014. Work related to the coordination of implementation of NCs and to pre-comitology meetings is relatively straightforward and follows the developments related to the European network codes. The regional agenda will be up for consultation (expected for December 2013) and is to be published in Q2 2014.

Review of progress during this quarter

Project / activity	Meeting the deadline in the WP 2011-14?	Progress achieved during Q3 2013	Pending issues
Project plan drafting	Not applicable (new project)	Completed	None
Launch questionnaire to RCC to get an initial list of issues	Expected (October 2013)	Not started by the end of this quarter	
Collect input from relevant stakeholder organisations	Expected (October 2013)	Not started by the end of this quarter	
Draft regional agenda that will be up for consultation	Expected (October 2013)	Not started by the end of this quarter	
Written consultation procedure to stakeholders and Member States	Expected (November 2013 - after 11 th SG)	Not started by the end of this quarter	
Presentation of final regional agenda	Expected (Q2 2014)	Not started by the end of this quarter	

7 Conclusion and way forward

This edition of the GRI Quarterly report has been released by ACER in close cooperation with the Lead Regulators of the three gas regions. The Agency thanks them for their collaboration and appreciates their contribution to this report.

Progress has been made in different areas of work throughout the three regions, and important milestones of the numerous pilot projects are being met during the year 2013. In particular, the first quarters of this year have been key to develop the Roadmap for the early implementation of the CAM NC (CAM Roadmap), a joint effort by ACER and ENTSOG, and to advance in the implementation of CAM pilot projects. This process aims to lead to a truly pan-European system of coordinated allocation of bundled products at cross-border interconnection points, following the principles of the CAM Network Code. At regional level, projects are running in different areas including the timely implementation of existing regulation (e.g. CMP), market integration and infrastructure planning (e.g. GRIP).

This third issue in 2013 of the ACER online GRI Quarterly report has been simplified in terms of structure and content with respect to previous editions, with the aim of streamlining the quarterly reporting on progress in GRI projects and activities and in order to gain a stronger focus on the developments made and achievements reached during the present quarter. The changes made have been coordinated with ERI, where the Quarterly reports will follow a similarly simplified format. The ACER GRI Quarterly reports will keep on tracking progress of regional projects against the milestones and deadlines established in the regional Work Plans 2011-2014.



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