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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. The year 2014 has already started and therefore the date initially planned for this ambitious target is about to be reached. This 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.

National regulatory authorities (NRAs) and ACER have been striving to give a new impetus to regional and cross-regional work through the Gas Regional Initiative (GRI) since ACER took over its coordination in 2011. At the request of the Agency, 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) by 2014. A new update of these Work Plans is expected to be completed within the first half of 2014.

In parallel to the work done at regional level, an important step forward was taken last year 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 application 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 by monitoring and supporting their implementation.

2 Objective of the Quarterly report

The online GRI 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. This report also serves to 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, previous developments and main features of the regional projects. For further information about these features, please consult the regional Work Plans 2011-2014¹ and previous editions of the GRI Quarterly report³ in ACER website.

¹ For more details on the projects and deliverables planned in these Work Plans:
http://www.acer.europa.eu/Gas/Regional_%20Initiatives/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_%20Initiatives/CAM_roadmap/Pages/default.aspx

³ http://www.acer.europa.eu/Gas/Regional_%20Initiatives/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 at facilitating 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. It was subsequently updated and a new version was published during the fourth quarter of 2013. The CAM Roadmap will be regularly updated on an annual basis 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 the fourth quarter of 2013, ENTSOG and ACER updated the CAM Roadmap in order to reflect progress in the CAM pilot projects, taking stock of the issues identified during early implementation and of the solutions adopted and adding more detailed information on early implementation of the CAM NC provisions per interconnection point (IP). The new version of the CAM Roadmap was published on 11 October 2013, ahead of the 24th European regulatory Forum (Madrid Forum) and 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 Q4 2013	Pending issues / actions
PRISMA platform	AT, BE, DK, FR, DE, IT, NL ⁶	An increase was observed during this quarter in the amount of capacity offered and allocated through the platform. The main results of the auctions ⁷ in this quarter were: - October: 722 daily and 24 monthly auctions (out	No issues reported from the development of the auctions. A public consultation with stakeholders run in Q3 2013 revealed that users consider PRISMA to be in general a secure tool to buy capacity. Ease of

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_%20Initiatives/CAM_roadmap/Pages/default.aspx

⁶ As of 1 January 2014, also TSOs from GB and NI are participating in the platform.

⁷ 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>

		<p>of which 92 bundled), 383 GWh/h allocated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - November: 632 daily and 25 monthly auctions (out of which 31 bundled), 333.1 GWh/h allocated. - December: 866 daily and 31 monthly auctions (out of which 116 bundled), 509.3 GWh/h allocated. <p>By end 2013, 995 users from 321 companies had registered in the platform.</p>	<p>navigation was however identified as an aspect to be improved.</p> <p>The platform is offering a secondary capacity functionality as of January 2014. Next steps are multicurrency trading (in 2014) and the launch of within-day trading (2015). More TSOs are expected to join PRISMA in 2014 and 2015 (as shareholders or via pilot projects)</p>
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 in 2013 due to market context and low demand. - During Q4 2013, NRAs prepared a document with the agreed actions and calendar for CAM NC implementation in 2014 and submitted it to public consultation. TSOs also presented their plans for adapting their IT systems. 	<p>TSOs continue to adapt their IT systems with the aim to offer as much bundled capacity as possible in VIP. South TSOs will be using PRISMA for allocating capacity in auctions for whole region (ES-PT-FR) in 2014, with yearly capacity products expected to be offered in March, quarterly products in June, monthly in September and day-ahead & within-day before Nov. 2015. NRAs are taking the necessary steps to adapt their national regulatory frameworks.</p>
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: 2007 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 this 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. The website, portal, and IT application of the platform have already been developed.</p>	<p>Auctions are delayed with respect to the initial date (Sept. 2013). Outstanding regulatory arrangements and organisational changes are delaying the process. According to the latest information provided, the foreseen timing for the first bundled auctions is now Q1 2014.</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 Q4 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. France and Spain have adapted their national regulatory framework (new acts “Delibération” and “Circular”, respectively)	Further work is needed to fully implement all applicable CMP provisions in Portugal
CMP harmonisation in the South region (including firm short-term UIOLI)	N/A	Implementation of short-term UIOLI aimed to July 2016 (not started yet)	

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 for cooperation between TSOs in the region, ENTSG 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 Q4 2013	Pending issues / actions
Regular update and publication of project status of OS 2013 and 2015	Regular activity (yearly)	The updated status of projects for OS 2013 and 2015 was published in November 2013.	None

Drafting of the South Regional Investment Plan (GRIP) 2013-2022	On track	GRIP 2013-2022 is under development by TSOs. Progress presented at regional SG and IG meetings and at ENTSOG's GRIPs workshop on 26 Nov 2013. The draft GRIP has been submitted to public consultation until Jan. 2014.	Regulators' Opinion on the GRIP is to be delivered in Q1 2014. The final publication of the GRIP is also expected for Q1 2014.
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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 Q4 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 Q4 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	These issues are not yet crucial, but will become more relevant when day-ahead and intra-day capacity will be auctioned

Investigation of the use of the gas markets in the region for balancing purposes	Expected	Not started by the end of this quarter	The feasibility and timing of this analysis will depend on the timely and successful development of the gas hub in the Iberian peninsula
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	

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 Q4 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	A new act (“ <i>Circular</i> ”) is under preparation by CNMC. A public consultation is planned by Q1 2014
Further studies to evaluate the current tariff structures and propose improvements	Expected	Planned 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 Q4 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 - Data exchange 	These issues are not yet crucial, but will become more relevant when day-ahead and intra-day capacity will be auctioned
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 Q4 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 of

			the document by NRAs is pending. A public hearing with stakeholders is planned during Q1 and Q2 2014.
Hub-to-hub gas trading in the region	Expected	Working Group established in Spain with stakeholders' participation to revise regulation in order to foster the development of the Iberian gas hub.	The final document with the proposal is expected to be approved by NRAs by Q2 2014.

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 Q4 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.

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 Q4 2013	Pending issues / actions
Cross-border Regional Balancing Platform	Closed	The project is considered concluded by the project promoter (CEGH)	The project promoter (CEGH) considers the project closed, given 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. No further actions or activities are planned.
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 developments during this quarter	Delay in the launch of phase 2 due to lack of clarity about overlap with other projects in the region and to lack of involvement by some of the project participants.
Roadmap towards the creation of a	Expected	Roadmap for V4 markets integration endorsed by V4	Hungary took over the V4 presidency in July 2013.

common regional gas market in V4 countries		<p>Prime Ministers in June 2013. On 1 July 2013 Hungary took over the Presidency of the Visegrad Group until June 2014.</p> <p>The V4 Gas Forum, established in June 2013, held its kick-off meeting on 29 October in Budapest.</p>	<p>The focus of the project has been reoriented to the analysis of the implementation of EU rules (namely NCs) in the V4 countries. The decision on the market design for the region will be taken at a later stage.</p> <p>Next steps are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stock-taking document and action plan for NC implementation by June 2014, by V4 TSOs. - Detailed work plan to be presented by HU presidency in Mar. 2014. - Joint V4 Risk Assessment by June 2014. <p>Coordination between V4 and CEETR projects needs to be monitored.</p>
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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 Q4 2013	Pending issues / actions
Check investment plans against the background of future market architecture scenarios	<p>On track</p> <p>CEE GRIP 2014-2023: on track</p>	<p>In late September - early October, all GRIPs' coordinators who envisaged 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.</p> <p>CEE GRIP 2014-2023: by Q4 2013, TSOs were conducting the main analyses and started to draft the report. TSOs are including a number of improvements in this</p>	<p>Next steps planned are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conclude the report drafting by January-February 2014. - Approve the report by February 2014.

	SC GRIP 2014 - 2023	<p>second edition. Its main contents were presented at ENTSOG's workshop on GRIPs on 26 November.</p> <p>By Q4 2013, TSOs were starting to outline the main contents of the new GRIP. It will take into account the recommendations in ACER's Opinion on the GRIPs. The 6th coordination meeting of CEE GRIP TSOs took place on 16 October in Prague. The list with the cases to be modeled was finalised in mid-October 2013.</p>	<p>- Publish the final GRIP by March 2014.</p> <p>The GRIP is expected to be drafted, approved and published within the first half of 2014.</p>
Consultation of the GRIPs	<p>CEE GRIP 2014-2023: expected</p> <p>SC GRIP 2014 - 2023</p>	<p>No significant developments during this quarter</p> <p>No significant developments during this quarter</p>	<p>Public consultation and a dedicated workshop for stakeholders are envisaged following the CEE GRIP 2014-2023 publication, planned for Q1 2014.</p> <p>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 was made at ENTSOG Workshop on GRIPs on 26 November. After issuing the report, expected for March 2014, it may be presented at appropriate events.</p>

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 Q4 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	A joint Risk Assessment for the V4 countries is planned to be presented in June 2014 in the framework of the V4 Roadmap project.

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 published the first GRIP for GRI NW. It was agreed that NRAs and TSOs in the region would ensure that the next NW GRIP would be “fit for purpose”. In view of that goal, 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 Q4 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	Yes	The second NW GRIP, for the horizon 2013-2022, was published on 5 November 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 Q4 2013	Pending issues / actions
Pre-comitology meetings	Permanent activity	A new pre-comitology meeting (second in 2013) was held on 27 November, with a focus on Tariffs, Interoperability, Rules for trading and the Gas Target Model.	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 Q4 2013	Pending issues
Publication of position paper and Evaluation of Comments document	Yes	Documents published in ACER website in July 2013. No further work developed or planned during this quarter.	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 is expected to be up for consultation and subsequently be published in Q2 2014.

Review of progress during this quarter

Project / activity	Meeting the deadline in the WP 2011-14?	Progress achieved during Q4 2013	Pending issues
Project plan drafting	Not applicable (new project)	Completed	None
Launch questionnaire to RCC to get an initial list of issues	Yes (done)	Completed and presented at the 11 th SG meeting of 28 November	
Collect input from relevant stakeholder organisations	Completed	Input on regional priorities was collected from stakeholder organisations and other individual stakeholders from the region	
Drafting regional agenda for consultation	Ongoing	Project leader ACM had started to draft the regional agenda by the end of the quarter	
Written consultation procedure to stakeholders and Member States	Expected	Not started by the end of this quarter	Planned for March-April 2014
Presentation of final regional agenda	Expected	Not started by the end of this quarter	Planned for Q2 2014. The final agenda is expected to be presented to the MF in May 2014.

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 their regional projects have been met during the year 2013. In particular, the first quarters of that year were of key importance 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. The CAM Roadmap was updated and a new version published during this last quarter of 2013, taking stock of the experience in the early implementation over the previous quarters of 2013.

Other areas are entering now the final stage of development of their respective Network Codes (balancing, interoperability) and the analysis and facilitation of the early implementation of their provisions will be one of the main priorities for the GRI in 2014.

At regional level, projects will continue to be developed in different areas, including the timely implementation of existing regulation (e.g. CMP), market integration and infrastructure planning (e.g. GRIP), according to the work planned in the regional Work Plans 2011-2014.

This fourth issue from 2013 of the ACER online GRI Quarterly report aims to present in a simplified and streamlined way the progress in GRI projects and activities with special focus on the achievements reached during the present quarter. The ACER GRI Quarterly reports will keep on tracking progress of regional projects in 2014 against the milestones and deadlines established in the regional Work Plans 2011-2014.



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