1st Meeting of the Expert Group on LNG price assessment and benchmarks

Wednesday 21 October 2026 | 11:00 - 12:00

Virtual, MS Teams

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed all experts to the 1st LNG Price Assessment / Benchmarks Expert Group meeting, introducing the ACER colleagues who will be involved in the group and outlining the group's scope and organisational set-up.

ACER flagged that supporting materials for future meetings will be circulated in advance via the dedicated Extranet platform, for which user credentials have been already shared with the experts via email.

Experts briefly introduced themselves and their backgrounds to the group.

2. ACER LNG PRICE ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY UPDATE CONSULTATION

ACER introduced its proposed updates to the LNG price assessment and benchmark methodology, and the way forward for its consultation with the experts.

Experts raised some questions regarding the general scope of the work of the expert group and put forward some suggestions for the planning of future activities. ACER took note of these suggestions and further highlighted that experts are also welcome to propose agenda items and contribute with their presentations.

Experts also raised some questions on the practical way forward for the consultation on the methodology updates. ACER explained that the proposed updated methodology documents will be shared with the experts for consultation during the following week. Experts are expected to provide comments to ACER by a specific deadline that will be communicated to them via email (indicatively mid-November). Additional discussions on the methodology update and consultation feedback will then take place in the following expert group meeting.

3. NEXT MEETING

ACER thanked the experts for their participation and reminded that the 2ND LNG Price Assessment / Benchmarks Expert Group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9 December 2026, 09:30 - 12:00.