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In the opening of the meeting **Ms. Lusine Caracasian** welcomed the participants and gave a quick presentation of the points on the agenda. The minutes of the 18th SG meeting were approved.

Mr. Nicolae Havrileț (ANRE President) thanked participants on behalf of energy regulators, for answering the invitation to the 19th Stakeholders Group Meeting. ANRE President underlined the importance of the Gas Regional Initiative to develop the regional gas market and the purpose of the Gas Regional Initiative - to push forward, at a practical level, the development of regional gas markets in collaboration with industry, Member States, the European Commission and other stakeholders. The efforts in the region should be concentrated on:

- a more project-oriented approach to help focus the understandably limited stakeholders' resources on concrete and common projects deemed to be most instrumental for the completion of the Internal Energy Market;
- a stronger stakeholders' involvement and engagement.

The Work Plan 2015-2018 of GRI SSE is following three important tasks: implementation of the Network Codes in the region, integration of markets through the implementation of the Gas Target Model, increase transparency and interoperability. To achieve these common objectives, and in view of the vulnerability of the region, it is crucial to swiftly complete projects already underway and speed up development of new projects.

Update on Gas Regional Initiatives developments

The participants were informed about the co-chairmanship rotation. URE, after three fruitful years as a co-chair, stepped down from this position. HEA accepted to become the new co-chair of the GRI SSE and to join ANRE, the Romanian NRA, in co-chairing the regional activities.

Mr. Dennis Hesseling informed participants that the XXVIII Madrid Forum, in October 2015, held a strategic discussion on the role and future of Gas Regional Initiatives. The current status of the EU internal market requires a more focused, problem- and result-oriented approach to regional cooperation, in the geographic structure that is most suited to the resolution of the identified issues. Such an approach should employ efficient project management, including clear responsibilities, deadlines and deliverables.

During the discussion with stakeholders regarding possible topics for regional cooperation, **Mr. Axel C. Scheuer** mentioned the infrastructure development issue. Taking into consideration the available resources, **Mr. Davide Rubini** emphasized the necessity to identify the gaps and to pass from a political agenda to an operational one, **Mrs. Ilona Vary** suggested as a future topic for the GRI SSE Work Plan the coordination of the emergency plans in the region.

Ms. Lusine Caracasian emphasized that not all the energy regulatory authorities are involved in security of supply issues and the emergency plans.

Mr. Kristof Kovacs mentioned that there is a goal to have such discussion, but some authorities that are not competent in this matter and could not be involved in this subject.

Mr. Dennis Hesseling referred that it is important to have cooperation on this matter at the regional level and that every country has its own rules and procedures in such cases which makes it more difficult to manage the cooperation.

Mrs. Aldona Kaźmierska suggested that this issue could be included on the discussion agenda of a future SG meeting.

Mr. Kristof Kovacs drew attention on the fact that the group discussions should have an outcome for the entire region and that it is appropriate that every country has its own rules, and plans, that could be shared and discussed with the neighbours, but at the level of the region it is very difficult to analyse this matter.

Mr. Alexander Yankovski emphasized the necessity to have on the NRA's websites the English translations of the national regulations.

GRI SSE Work Plan 2015-2018: NCs implementation

Ms. Lusine Caracasian informed that at present the Work Plan 2015-2018 is following three important tasks: implementation of the Network Codes in the region, integration of markets through the implementation of the Gas Target Model, increase transparency and interoperability.

Mr. Riccardo Galletta gave a presentation regarding NC CAM roadmap updates of the implementation process in 2015 - the latest developments on the pilot projects on the booking platforms. In GRI SSE region, according to the ACER report, an agreement on the choice for a single booking platform is missing at the border between: Germany and Poland, Croatia and Hungary, Austria and Hungary, Greece and Bulgaria, Bulgaria and Romania.

Mr. Charis Tsalikidis informed on the latest updates, namely the Greek TSO has already chosen the RBP platform.

Mr. Marko Janicijevic informed that there is an open discussion regarding the implementation and management issues on choosing the platform between Austria and Hungary thus the final solution shall be convenient for both TSOs.

Mr. Götz Lincke informed about the updates on the negotiations with Creos Luxemburg.

Mr. Stanisław Brzeczowski made a short presentation on the CAM Implementation Group activity updates. The main topics discussed were: joint methodology for capacity calculation and maximisation (E-Control presented a kick-off proposal for discussion on harmonised methodology for calculation of technical capacities at IPs), capacity quotas, competing capacities, the usage of booking platforms as of 1 November 2015, cooperation between platforms and compliance with NC CAM requirements and the need for a coordinated approach to the *short-term use it or lose it* implementation (CMP).

Mr. Dennis Hesseling presented the "Second ACER-ENTSOG Report on the status of the implementation of the Balancing Network Code".

Ms. Lusine Caracasian informed that Romanian NRA approved last week the TSO's Report on interim measures and also the Greek and Bulgarian regulators agreed on the interim measures.

Mr. Peter Ikrényi presented a short overview on last IO Implementation Group meeting referring to the topics discussed: interconnection agreements – best practices and models, updates on implementations, issues of TSOs in the region, barriers on implementing the network code.

Mr. Alessandro Ischia and **Mr. Vincenzo Cioffo** presented *Project XII: The Third Energy Package implementation in SSE countries* and the responses on the questionnaire.

Mr. Alessandro Ischia made a presentation of the process of implementing the GTM and an overview on the Czech-Austrian market integration.

Market integration in GRI SSE and EnC CPs

Mrs. Nina Grall-Edler presented the main aspects and criteria of the CESEC MoU transposed in national measures. She underlined the Energy Community Secretariat activities of monitoring and facilitating CESEC and she also announced the publication of the 1st edition 12/2015 of the Standard Report (market and infrastructure). A presentation on the results of the study on market integration in the Energy Community aroused vivid discussions regarding the possible options.

Mr. Vlad Ursache presented the updates on the main gas transport infrastructure projects in Romania.

Conclusions and next meeting

Participants confirmed the importance of the GRI as a discussion forum for sharing implementation issues and best practices. In the SSE Region, this value should not be underestimated: due to the different level of developments of the markets in the Region, and the resources available to NRAs, TSOs, and stakeholders to follow the intense regulatory activity carried out by the Agency, the GRI remains a unique opportunity for discussions and clarifications.

Next SSE SG meeting will be organized in Budapest in the April/May 2016.