

## Questionnaire for the assessment of the main features of gas system implementation in SSE countries

The hereby questionnaire is part of the activities described and included in GRI SSE Work Plan 2015-2018. The purpose of this survey is to examine the harmonization level of gas systems in the framework of the Third Energy Package implementation within the South South-East Gas Region. On the basis of the collected data, project promoters will prepare a report which will present the current situation in the Region.

According to recital n. 19 of Regulation 715/2009/EC *“To enhance competition through liquid wholesale markets for gas, it is vital that gas can be traded independently of its location in the system. The only way to do this is to give network users the freedom to book entry and exit capacity independently, thereby creating gas transport through zones instead of along contractual paths. The preference for entry-exit systems to facilitate the development of competition was already expressed by most stakeholders at the 6th Madrid Forum on 30 and 31 October 2002. Tariffs should not be dependent on the transport route. The tariff set for one or more entry points should therefore not be related to the tariff set for one or more exit points, and vice versa”*.

### Questions

1. Have a **entry-exit system** which gives network users the freedom to book entry and exit capacity independently been implemented in your country? If not, please specify:
  - a. when it is going to be introduced.
  - b. which are the conditions that hamper the introduction of a full entry exit system.
2. Does your regulatory framework foresee **capacity products** with limitation of free allocability (limited access to the VTP, locational and/or temporal restrictions, etc.)?
  - a. If yes please describe these products.
3. Are there still **point-to-point (P2P)** routes in place? If you still have P2P routes in place, please:
  - a. List the P2P routes;
  - b. describe the reasons;
  - c. Specify whether you plan to dismiss P2P tariffs or if they are permanent tariffs;
4. Is there a **virtual trading point** in your country?

- a.** Can you please briefly describe which requirements are to be fulfilled to operate actively at the VTP?
- 5. Does virtual trading point cover also functionalities and services of a **gas exchange**?
- 6. Is there a **gas exchange** in your country?
  - a.** Can you please briefly describe which requirements are to be fulfilled to operate actively at the gas exchange?

The Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on Progress towards completing the Internal Energy Market (October 2014)<sup>1</sup> states that *“For the market to take off, a first prerequisite is ensuring that all market participants can make use of the existing gas and electricity infrastructure in a non-discriminatory way and at a fair price. Priority has hence been given to capacity allocation and congestion management of the networks and in particular interconnectors. Pilot projects and early implementation at regional level have shown the way”*.

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- 7. Have TSOs in your country already started pilot projects for the **early implementation of network codes**?
  - a.** If yes please briefly specify in which field.
- 8. If TSOs from your country have already started a pilot project for the offer of **bundled capacity**, please specify which of the following bundling concepts have already been tested by each of these TSOs?
  - a.** Process bundling, i.e. the bundled allocation of capacity with separate contracts with two TSOs;
  - b.** Product bundling, i.e. on top of process bundling, ensuring the same conditions regarding the quality and usage of the capacity in the bundle.
- 9. What kind of **standard cross-border capacity products** (as defined by art. 9 of Commission Regulation No. 984/2013) does each TSO from your country currently offer?
- 10. Do any of TSOs from your country offer **capacity products** at CAM IPs which are **not compliant with CAM Regulation**? Please specify the characteristics of these products.

<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/energy/gas\\_electricity/doc/2014\\_iem\\_communication.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/gas_electricity/doc/2014_iem_communication.pdf)

11. Explain under which conditions a **firm capacity product** is considered as such under your regulatory framework.
12. Are there more classes of **interruptible products**? Explain under which conditions interruptible capacity products are defined.
13. With reference to **CMP provisions**, do you have the same set of rules as applied by your neighbouring countries? If not, please describe which **problems** do you face at each IP in relation to the CMP implementation and which **solutions** have you already discussed?
14. How is the **gas year** defined in your country?
15. How is the **gas day** defined in your country?
16. According to art. 27 of Commission Regulation No. 984/2013, TSO shall offer “*capacity by means of one or a limited number of joint web-based booking platforms*”.
  - a. Which **platform for primary capacity booking** is used by TSOs in your country or planned to be used?
  - b. If a different platform is used by the adjacent TSO from one of your neighbouring countries, have you already discussed measures to overcome matching problems at the IPs involved? If yes, please describe the discussed model(s).
17. Is there a **secondary capacity trading platform**?
  - a. Is the platform for trading secondary capacity the same as through which primary capacity is allocated?
18. Having in mind the accomplishment of the European Energy market and notwithstanding the above list of questions, have you already recognized specific points of your regulation which hamper the **good functioning of cross-border exchange**?