

## REGIONAL GAS MARKET COORDINATION GROUP

### Short-term and mid-term measures for improving functioning of the Eastern-Baltic regional gas market

No.	Measure (description where necessary)	Actions to be taken	Deadline	Responsible organisation <sup>1</sup>	Implementation progress update
<b>Short-term measures</b>					
1.	<p><b>Adoption of non-discriminatory, transparent and flexible gas Network &amp; Storage Access Rules in the entire gas market of the region according to the legal and regulatory frame</b></p> <p><u>Description:</u> The availability of Network Access Rules and transparent contract conditions under which the Third Party Access (TPA) is provided on non-discriminatory, transparent and flexible conditions is of key importance for enhancing the functioning of competitive regional gas market</p>	<p>1.1. An efficient, non-discriminatory, transparent and flexible framework for getting access to the transmission network and storage will be developed and adopted in:</p> <p>1.1.1. TPA Rules;</p> <p>1.1.2. Standard forms of the contracts to use transmission system and gas storage, standard application forms to use the infrastructure and other standard relevant document forms will be created and will form an integral part of the rules of the use of gas transmission and storage infrastructure;</p> <p>1.1.3. Interconnection/Cooperation Agreements between TSOs (including inter-TSO principles for the exchange of information related to cross-border flows, maintenance, etc.).</p> <p>This framework will provide options to quickly arrange gas flows between the Baltic States. Among other things it shall define signing of contracts, ordering of services, including nomination on day-ahead basis, re-nomination within delivery day, etc.</p>	2015 Q3	LT, LV, EE NRAs and TSOs	
		<p>1.2.1. The establishment of virtual gas flow products on the Baltic gas market will be analysed by TSOs</p> <p>1.2.2. Based on the results on the analysis the virtual flow products will be decided upon and implemented accordingly</p>	2015 Q3  2015 Q4	LT, LV, EE TSOs  TSOs and NRAs	
		<p>1.3.1. The possibility of introducing standard short-term transportation and storage products (on firm and interruptible basis) will be analysed by TSOs and a storage operator.</p>	2015 Q3  2015 Q4	LT, LV, EE TSOs and NRAs	

<sup>1</sup> *Asterisk (\*) means optional for FI.* FI is not supposed to implement the actions while the derogations of the Directive 2009/73/EC and the Regulation (EC) 715/2009 are applied in FI. When the derogations expire, FI will decide to integrate its natural gas market to the Baltic States gas market by implementing either the Interconnected National Market Model or the East Baltic Market Zone Model.

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		1.3.2. The above mentioned products will be introduced based on the analysis.			
2.	<b>Accounting of cross-border gas flows offsetting the differences in energy value</b>	2.1. LV TSO in cooperation with other TSOs will analyse and propose a mechanism how to offset the differences in energy content and to balance the gas flows in terms of energy. 2.2. The mechanism will be implemented based on the analysis.	2015 Q3 2015 Q4	LV, LT, EE TSOs and NRAs	
3.	<b>Harmonization of gas quality requirements</b>	3.1. Analytical works will be carried out by the TSOs. The results of the analysis will be presented to the Regional Gas Group during the meeting in June 8, 2015 following by the agreement on the harmonization of the gas quality requirements; 3.2. Legislation amendments to harmonize the gas quality requirements will be adopted by the Baltic States and FI* according to national legislative procedures.	2015 Q2 2015 Q4	EE, FI*, LV, LT TSOs EE, FI*, LV, LT Ministries	2015.06.08 TSOs will come up with a common proposal of gas quality requirements by the end of June and will distribute it to the RGMCG and pass on to the responsible bodies for future implementation.
4.	<b>Harmonisation of the gas supply licencing framework (retail and wholesale) in the region</b>	4.1. NRA's will analyse current requirements for issuing gas supply licences in the Baltic States and will prepare and present proposals to the RGMCG to harmonize licensing requirements for agreement.	2015 Q3	EE, FI*, LV, LT NRAs	
5.	<b>Roadmap for harmonized implementation of requirements of European Network Codes in Baltic States and Finland;</b>	5.1. NRAs will establish a joint task force which could involve TSOs if necessary; 5.2. Joint task force will analyse the requirements of network codes (first of all, of Balancing Network Code on Gas Balancing of Transmission Networks) and will seek for agreement on harmonized approach of implementation and will prepare the roadmap for harmonized implementation of requirements of European Network Codes; 5.3. NRAs will coordinate the opinions on Network & Storage Rules in the region.	2015 Q3 2016 Q4 Continuous	EE, FI, LV, LT NRAs and TSOs EE, FI, LV, LT NRAs and TSOs EE, FI, LV, LT NRAs and TSOs	
6.	<b>Data exchange</b>	6.1. Publishing all the data required by REMIT and other regulations* on TSO webpages; 6.2. Participation of TSOs in ENTSOG Transparency Platform (TP) to increase the transparency of daily TSO operations across the region.	2015 Q4 2015 Q4	EE, LV, LT, FI TSOs EE, LV, LT, FI* TSOs	
7.	<b>Common approach to the definition of protected customers</b>	7.1. Agreement on a harmonized approach to apply security of supply regulation including harmonized definition of	2015 Q4	EE, FI, LV, LT ministries	

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		protected customers and adoption of Joint Preventive Action Plan and Emergency Plan.			
8.	<b>Financing of EU Projects of Common Interest (PCI)</b>	8.1. Discussions on cross-border cost allocation for PCIs applying for CEF financing on the <i>ad hoc</i> basis.	Continuous	Ministries, TSOs, NRAs	
<b>Mid-term measures</b>					
9.	<b>Harmonization of measurement of gas flows for technical and commercial purposes in energy units (kWh at gross calorific value)</b> <i>Description:</i> Accounting of gas transportation and trading in energy units is inevitable in case of diversified gas flows and required by EU 3 <sup>rd</sup> Energy Package (Commission Regulation 2015/703 of 30 April 2015 establishing a network code on interoperability and data exchange rules and Regulation No 715/2009)	9.1. Analytical works will be performed to determine how a harmonised measurement system in energy units should be implemented in the region;	2016 Q1	EE, FI*, LV, LT, TSOs	
		9.2. Necessary legislation to implement the needed measurement system in energy units in the whole regional gas market will be proposed and adopted;	2016 Q2	EE, FI*, LV, LT ministries	
		9.3. Clear provisions on accounting policy in terms of metering units including losses and balancing will be established;	2016 Q2	EE, FI*, LV, LT TSOs	
		9.4. Technical requirements for measuring gas in energy units will be elaborated and the necessary equipment installed in line with the legislation.	2016 Q4	EE, FI*, LV, LT TSOs	
10.	<b>Launching a common virtual trading hub and a gas exchange in the region</b>	10.1. Analysis by TSOs will be performed and proposals for establishment of a common virtual trading hub and a gas exchange will be prepared (what preconditions needed, timetable, etc.).	2016 Q3	EE, LV, LT, FI TSOs	
11.	<b>Establishment of common gas Data Hub platform</b>	11.1. Analysis on the possibility to use a common gas Data Hub platform (e.g., as used by Elering in electricity sector) for gas meter and other related data will be performed.	2016 Q3	TSOs	
12.	<b>Harmonisation of gas Network &amp; Storage Access Rules in the entire gas market of the region</b>	12.1. Possibilities for a harmonised framework for access to the transmission network and storage will be analysed and the selected options will be adopted depending on the preferred market model;	2017 Q3	LT, LV, EE NRAs and TSOs	
		12.2. Clear and transparent capacity products (long-term and short-term) will be agreed upon and used via allocation on transparent principles and terms;	2017 Q3	LT, LV, EE NRAs and TSOs	