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EUROPEAN GAS REGULATORY FORUM
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Conclusions

Market update and outlook

The Forum emphasises that gas markets are going through challenging times, given the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, the Middle East and the energy transition moving forward. The Forum recognizes the good performance of the EU gas market in face of the recent supply shocks, both in terms of ensuring alternative sources of gas and redirecting the flows accordingly. It recognises the importance of giving market participants sufficient legal certainty, as well as coherent, pragmatic and flexible implementation of European legislation, including the Methane Regulation.

It welcomes the presentation by ENTSOG on its ideas for a mid-term gas adequacy assessment and the discussion on the revision for the current EU energy security framework, emphasising that market-based measures should be prioritised. The Forum stresses the importance of clarifying the methodologies within this mid-term gas adequacy assessment.

Market functioning in the Energy Community

The Forum welcomes the developments in the integration of gas markets and regulatory improvements in the Energy Community contracting parties and further recognises the importance of progressing the implementation of the internal market acquis and ensuring gas trade continuity between Energy Community contracting parties and Member States.

Gas Market Task Force

The Forum encourages a prompt publication of the final report of the Gas Market task Force and stresses the importance of stable frameworks and proper regulatory oversight for ensuring well-function and efficient gas markets. The Forum further calls for actions that preserves the functioning of the market and the orderly formation of prices in these markets, while inviting the Commission to report back to the Forum the implementation of the report's findings. It emphasizes the need to strengthen cooperation between financial and energy regulators to streamline reporting obligations.

REMIT 2.0

The Forum welcomes the progress on REMIT 2.0 implementation and appreciates the open dialogue with the Commission on the options for establishing a threshold for gas. It supports the proposal for organising dedicated workshops on electricity and gas inside information thresholds by the end of the year.

Gas and Biomethane Mechanism (EU Energy Platform) and Tripartite Agreement

The Forum welcomes the gradual development of the Union's biomethane production and its increasing contribution to EU security of supply and decarbonization. The Forum agrees that the current crisis demonstrates the importance of scaling-up Europe's biomethane market, including ensuring tradability across borders.

The Forum notes the progress made on the upcoming Tripartite Agreement for biogases and the Gas and Biomethane Mechanism under the EU Energy and Raw Materials Platform. They will offer an opportunity to boost market connections, visibility and regulatory transparency. The Forum calls for the organisation of a dedicated workshop in 2026, focusing on the regulatory framework for biomethane to tackle market fragmentation. The Forum calls for the prompt implementation of the Union Database for biomethane.

REPowerEU

The Forum welcomes the REPowerEU Gas Regulation to gradually phase out Russian gas imports to the EU and requests the Commission to continue work with the authorising authorities and industry to ensure effective implementation of the rules including on harmonized pre-authorization procedures.

Hydrogen and Decarbonised Gas Markets Package – Implementation

The Forum welcomes the steps that have been taken towards the implementation of the Gas Regulation, notably enabling the access of biomethane to the wholesale market, as well as the work on the EU TSO-benchmarking. It recognises the work ongoing at Member State level and calls for the swift transposition of the Gas Directive 2024/1788, in particular provisions on the right to injection for renewable gas producers and the enabling regulatory framework. The Forum invites ACER to provide an update on the ACER efficiency benchmark exercise in the next Forum. The Forum also encourages the Commission, ACER and Member States to actively ensure the implementation of the Gas Package and promote greater market integration.

Network Codes and Guidelines

The Forum takes note on the Commission intention to not propose a revision for the CMP guidelines and welcomes the progress on the CAM revision process. The Forum invites stakeholders to provide constructive feedback on the draft text on CAM NC as published for consultation. The Forum calls for a rapid finalisation of the revision process and invites the Commission and ACER to report on the adoption and early implementation in the next editions of the Forum.

The Forum welcomes the adopted gas quality standard and encourages relevant ministries, NRAs and stakeholders across the gas value chain to take part in the ACER consultation on the INT NC. It invites the Commission and ACER to report on the developments in the Forum next year.

The Forum recognizes the importance of predictable transmission tariffs in rapidly evolving markets, and it acknowledges the role that the EU harmonised tariff framework has in contributing to this objective. At the same time, it calls for further improvements taking into account the broader perspective of infrastructure costs and utilisation rates. The Forum invites the Commission to start assessing the need and the scope for the potential revision of the TAR NC.