

## Press Release

### **European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG) makes available automatic download tool for gas transparency data. Results from 5<sup>th</sup> Transparency Workshop**

ENTSOG organised its 5<sup>th</sup> Transparency Workshop on 23 November 2011, focusing on the current level of implementation of the transparency guidelines, new Transparency Platform tools and the consultation of the proposed common format in maintenance publication.

Two new tools of the Transparency Platform ([www.gas-roads.eu](http://www.gas-roads.eu)) were introduced. The first one provides the users with easy access to available commercial information for transmission system through an interactive geographical map. The second one is an Automatic Download Tool, which offers a quick and reliable way for transferring Transmission System Operators' (TSOs) uploaded data from ENTSOG's Transparency Platform directly to stakeholders' database. Information is made available in three different XML file types per TSO (static, historical and dynamic data). Registered users shall receive a notification after the latest upload by an RSS feed, in order to start the download via a direct server to server connection. A manual download is available as well. For accessing the Transparency Platform's database, interested users have to apply via email to ENTSOG ([office@entsog.eu](mailto:office@entsog.eu)). Both tools are free of any charge and are available since January 2012.

During the workshop, TSOs (Enagas, FGSZ and GRTgaz) had also the chance to present the work performed for the implementation of the transparency guidelines in the information made available through their web-sites. Details were given for the project planning, the obstacles they faced and the efforts required so that they could meet the transparency guidelines' requirements. Since the publication of the transparency guidelines in November 2010, TSOs in Europe have made significant efforts in order to fulfil these requirements. Despite the very short 3 month period for implementation TSOs commenced publishing data very soon after the guidelines' publication. The new transparency guidelines oblige TSOs to publish significant amount of future and historical information e.g. capacities, nominations, renominations and physical flows per "relevant" points as well as maintenance activities. The current level of implementation is quite comprehensive with most of ENTSOG members having implemented fully the requirements and only a few lagging behind.

The last session was dedicated to ENTSOG's proposal for a common format in the publication of maintenance information by TSOs. The proposed form is available on ENTSOGs Website ([www.entsog.eu](http://www.entsog.eu)) and is an additional contribution to higher transparency

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### Notes to Editors

- ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 and currently comprises 39 members, 1 associated member and 3 observers from 26 countries.
- European Commission's decision amending Chapter 3 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 10 November 2010.

