

Press Release

ENTSOG publishes the Winter Supply Outlook 2017/18 and Winter Review 2016/17

(Brussels, 17 October 2017, PR0146-17) ENTSOG has today published its Winter Supply Outlook 2017/18 report and Winter Review 2016/17 report. The ENTSOG Winter Supply Outlook report is published annually in line with Article 8(3)(f) of Regulation (EC) 715/2009, to provide a valuable overview of the European natural gas transmission network for the upcoming winter.

In the Winter Supply Outlook report, ENTSOG has assessed the capability of the European natural gas system to cope with baseline 'Reference' and Cold Winter seasons and high demand situations, such as a peak day or a two-week cold spell.

Jan Ingwersen, ENTSOG General Manager, said, *"European gas system offers sufficient flexibility across the season in Europe but shippers may consider to secure higher flexibility by ensuring filling of gas storages"*.

The results of the analysis indicate that the European gas system offers sufficient flexibility across the winter season in Europe, even in the case of high demand during an extremely cold winter. One of the report's key findings is that the average storages level of 84% on 1 October 2017 is close to its five-year minimum, and shippers could still ensure flexibility by further injecting.

ENTSOG cooperates with ENTSO-E to assess possible impacts between gas and electricity systems, through their respective Winter Outlooks.

This year for the first time the Winter Review report is published separately from the Winter Outlook report. The Winter Review report provides some insight into the extreme cold event in January 2017 in Europe, and describes the way in which the gas sector dealt with the event with robustness and flexibility.

The Winter Supply Outlook 2017/18 and The Winter Review 2016/17 are available [here](#).

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Editorial notes

- > ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009. The current number of Members, Associated Partners and Observers can be found [at this link](#).
- > In line with Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG has the task of formulating network codes in a number of areas and of adopting various communications: a non-binding community-wide Ten-Year Network Development Plan on biennial basis; Winter and Summer Supply Outlooks; common network operation tools; recommendations relating to the coordination of technical cooperation between community and third-country-TSOs; annual work programmes and annual reports.