

## *Press Release*

# ***ENTSOG publishes its Winter Supply Outlook 2020/21 and Winter Supply Review 2019/20***

**(Brussels, 08 October, PR0218-20) ENTSOG has today published its Winter Supply Outlook 2020/21 and the Winter Supply Review 2019/20 reports.**

The ENTSOG Winter Supply Outlook report is published annually in line with Article 8(3)(f) of Regulation (EC) 715/2009. In this 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-weeks cold spell. Likewise, it assesses the impact of potential specific supply disruptions, complemented by the assessment of main supply disruption scenarios defined in the Security of Supply EU Regulation 2017/1938.

The Winter Supply Outlook report finds that the European gas system offers sufficient flexibility across the winter season in Europe, even in a situation of high demand during an extremely cold winter. The Cold Winter simulation undertaken in the report suggests that supply flows will not significantly differ from the ones noted in the previous years, apart from LNG, which has increased this year.

The report also indicates that the storage filling level on 1 October 2020 is the highest level of the last nine years. This outcome is a consequence of a high storage level at the beginning of the injection season and the relatively high seasonal price spread during the injection season. Regarding supply potential, LNG has strengthened its role to meet natural gas demand, as a flexible gas source. LNG terminals utilisation is significantly higher than observed over the last nine years. Furthermore, the development of new infrastructure contributes to improvement of the situation in South East Europe, in the event of a supply disruption.

Jan Ingwersen, ENTSOG General Director, commented, *"The analysis undertaken in these reports again shows the robustness and flexibility of the European gas infrastructure and supplies across the winter season. The report also indicates the relative importance of LNG and infrastructure improvements in parts of Europe, to support this robustness"*.

To complement the Supply Outlook report, ENTSOG also carried out a review of the previous winter to increase knowledge of seasonal dynamics of supply and demand.

ENTSOG welcomes feedback on the published reports, which is a key element for improving next reports, in addition to adjusting for future needs of the market.

The Winter Supply Outlook 2020/21 and the Winter Supply Review 2019/20 reports are available on the ENTSOG website, [here](#).

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#### Editorial notes

- > **European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG)** was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009 to promote the completion of the internal market for gas by facilitating cooperation between national gas transmission system operators (TSOs) across Europe and in line with European Union energy goals. More information can be found on the ENTSOG website – [www.entsog.eu](http://www.entsog.eu). The current number of Members, Associated Partners and Observers can be found at [www.entsog.eu/members](http://www.entsog.eu/members).