

## *Press Release*

### ***ENTSOG publishes Summer Supply Outlook 2021 and Summer Supply Review 2020***

(Brussels, 13 April, PR0236-21) **ENTSOG has today published its Summer Supply Outlook 2021 and the accompanying Review of Summer Supply 2020.**

In the Summer Supply Outlook report, ENTSOG has undertaken an assessment of the European gas infrastructure for the period from April to September 2021, including its ability to enable a high injection level in underground storages. Latest trends in terms of demand, supply and exports have also been considered, as well as alternative targeted storage levels.

The conclusions from the **Summer Supply Outlook report** highlight that the **European gas network is sufficiently robust in most parts of Europe** to enable:

- At least 90% stock level in all storages in preparation of the upcoming winter
- Planned maintenance with the purpose of ensuring infrastructure reliability
- Some flexibility in network users' supply strategy
- Supply of gas to Ukraine with volumes comparable to previous summer seasons.

To complement the Supply Outlook report, ENTSOG also carried out a **review of the previous summer** to build better knowledge of seasonal dynamics of supply and demand. Mild winter weather and some declines in consumption by industry due to the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the **decrease of the seasonal gas demand in Europe by 7%** compared with the previous summer. Additionally, the storage level at the beginning of the summer 2020 was the highest (54%) of the last six summers, reaching 95% by the end of September. An oversupplied market, together with low gas prices and seasonal gas demand resulted in lower Underground Gas Storage (UGS) utilisation during the winter season.

Jan Ingwersen, ENTSOG General Director, commented, *"Despite a significant drop in gas consumption in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, gas demand forecasts for the summer of 2021 remain high in Europe, with a level comparable to 2017. The assessment again shows that the European gas system offers sufficient flexibility across the summer season to satisfy*

*demand and to fill storages for the following winter – the storage inventory level in April was the highest in the past nine years.”*

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 Summer Supply Outlook 2021 and the Summer Supply Review 2020 reports are available [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). List of Members, Associated Partners and Observers can be found at [www.entsog.eu/members](http://www.entsog.eu/members).