

## 10<sup>th</sup> Security of Supply Coordination Group - Gas Subgroup meeting

Vienna

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1. The Group updated its members in relation to the security of natural gas supply status quo. The Contracting Parties reported normal situation as regards the gas security of supply during the heating season, including the current late winter cold spell. In particular, the Netherlands and Austria presented the recent events that affected security of supply in those countries. The Parties are reminded of their obligation to submit the Security of Supply Statements regularly. The Secretariat shall update guidelines thereof in line with the Treaty requirements.
2. The European Commission (EC) presented Regulation (EU) 1938/2017 on security of supply gas (the SoS regulation). The new SoS Regulation entered into the force in the EU on 1 November 2017. The Guidelines on Solidarity adopted by the EC were adopted consequently. The Commission and the chair of one of the regional groups (Poland for regional group: Belarus) reported on the work of regional risk assessment groups' status quo pursuant the SoS Regulation.
3. The Group discussed aspects of the SoS Regulation transposition in the Energy Community. The Secretariat presented the obligations at national and regional level as stipulated thereof. It was stressed that the Contracting Parties already can implement certain elements of the SoS Regulation, and some of them introduced certain elements in national legislation. In particular, the assistance from the JRC EC was highlighted in relation to providing proper risk assessment capacity building first for Ukraine, then for the Western Balkan Contracting Parties, and in future for the rest of the Energy Community. National risk assessment can be considered as a solid basis for any further regional cooperation. The Contracting Parties could approach the regional risk assessment groups' work and learn from their experience. The transposition of Regulation (EU) 1938/2017 in the Energy Community is closely linked with the ongoing process of the Energy Community Treaty amendments.
4. The Group discussed the new Decision (EU) 2017/684 on intergovernmental agreements.
5. ENTSOG developed supply and infrastructure disruption scenarios, as required by new SoS Regulation, and those scenarios were presented to the Group. A concept of the proposed methodology for simulation of EU-wide disruption scenarios might serve as a basis for the common and national risk assessment.
6. The Contracting Parties were and will be regularly invited to the EU Gas Coordination Group meeting for the relevant agenda topics.
7. Next regular meeting of the Group is planned for September 2018, back to back with the Gas Forum in Ljubljana.