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Storage Regulation in the Energy Community – next steps

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Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2017/1938 in the Energy Community (1)

All Contracting Parties

By 1 October 2022, Contracting Parties (CPs) shall:
adopt the necessary instruments to comply with Regulations (EU) 2017/1938 and (EC) 715/2009, as adapted by Decision 2022/xx/MC-EnC;

Inform the Energy Community Secretariat of the measures taken and of the text of the provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by the Decision

Contracting Parties with storages

By 1 November, Contracting Parties shall meet a filling target of 80% in 2022 and 90% in each year starting from 2023

If a Contracting party is not able to meet the filling target due to specific technical characteristics, the deadline shall be postponed to **1 December**

Contracting Parties with storages

Intermediate targets:

2022

1st September – 60%

1st October – 70%

1st November – 80%

2023 onwards

By 15 September of the previous year - Contracting Parties shall submit a draft filling trajectory with intermediary targets based on the average filling rate during the preceding five years, to the Energy Community Secretariat.

By 15 November, the Energy Community Secretariat (ECS) shall adopt a decision setting the filling trajectory for the following year for each contracting party.

Ukraine based on average consumption in last 5 years (subject to verification of data) cca 30bcm and storage capacity 30.9bcm (35% multiplier applies)

60	70	80
6,346	7,404	8,462 Bcm

Serbia – storage capacity 450mcm

60	70	80
270	315	360 mcm

Contracting Parties without storages

By 1 November, any **Contracting Party without underground storage facilities** shall ensure that market participants have in place arrangements - storage volumes corresponding to at least 15 % of the average annual gas consumption over the preceding five years, if no technical limitation arises

Alternatively

Burden Sharing Mechanism

A **Contracting Party without underground gas storage facilities** may develop a burden-sharing mechanism with one or more Contracting Parties and/or Member States with underground gas storage facilities.

CPs shall notify the ECS and the Security of Supply Coordination Group **two months** after the date of entry into force of this Decision;

The **Security of Supply Coordination Group** shall:

assist the Energy Community Secretariat in the monitoring of the filling trajectories and the filling targets

develop guidance for the Energy Community Secretariat on adequate measures to ensure compliance

Art 3a / Certification of storage system operators

Scope of application, certification procedure, timeline

For UGS of over 3.5 TWh capacity, with less than 30% filled on average on 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2022 draft certification decision → 150 days; for others: 18 months

Certification will consider the SoS risk, taking into account...UGS ownership, the rights and obligations with respect to the third countries as long as they comply with EnC law

ECS issues a binding opinion during the certification process

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