

15th Security of Supply Coordination Group - Gas Subgroup meeting

Virtual space

21 October 2020

1. The Group was briefed about the status quo situation in the EU Member States and the Energy Community Contracting Parties during the pandemic of Covid 19. The Group praised preparedness of the Contracting Parties and their timely response to the pandemic which aimed at mitigating and prevention of interruption of supply. The Group invited the Contracting Parties to update their respective preventive and/or emergency plans to reflect measures against pandemic in the future.
2. ENTSOG presented the update on risk scenarios simulations for Europe and winter outlook for 2020/2021. The Group welcomed the ongoing activities of risk assessment exercise in the Western Balkan, under the JRC guidance and invited the relevant parties to increase joint efforts to finalise the exercise before spring 2021.
3. The Group welcomed the presentation on Security of supply Statements and invited the Contracting Parties which have not done it yet, to submit the missing Statements by the end of this year. The Group appreciates that increasing number of Contracting Parties have already adopted relevant preventive and emergency plans which are to a high degree in line with Regulation 2017/1938.
4. The Group welcomed presentation of the status of play of the cyber security in the Contracting Parties, which is becoming increasingly vital for the function of the energy systems, especially during the pandemic crisis. The Group invited gas operators in the Contracting Parties to play active role in achieving the targets of the cyber security.
5. The Group invited the Secretariat to follow up on the security of supply situation during the winter period also in the view of a new potential pandemic wave. The next meeting will be convened in February 2021, unless the situation warrants for an extraordinary consultation in between.