

6th Security of Supply Coordination Group - Gas Subgroup meeting

Brussels, Belgium

17 March 2016

1. The Secretariat briefed the Group on the follow up from the Group's last meeting and on the legal developments in the Contracting Parties related to security of supply.

Revision of Regulation 994/2010

2. The Commission presented the draft proposal of the revision of Regulation 994/2010.
3. The Group welcomed the proposed so-called switch-on principle as a first step towards reciprocity of rights and obligations at the interface between Contracting Parties and Member States. One of the mechanisms intensifying the cooperation, as seen by Contracting Parties, could be the potential inclusion of the neighbouring Contracting Parties into the respective groups established by the proposed new regulation (or an equivalent arrangement), which would materially improve secure of gas supplies both in terms of national markets of such included countries, and in terms of common market of the Energy Community. The Contracting Parties were invited to take an active role during this process and the Secretariat was asked to provide for guidance in this context.

SoS Status quo

4. The Contracting Parties reported no major disruptions in the winter 2015/16.

Next steps

5. The Group Members have been invited to the meeting of the EU Gas Coordination Group. The Group agreed to be convened on an ad hoc basis, if needed, before the regular meeting in September, to discuss in details the proposal of the European Commission on the revision of Regulation 994/2010.