

18th Security of Supply Coordination Group - Gas Subgroup meeting

virtual meeting

9 February 2022

1. The regular meeting of the Group debated the security of the gas supply status quo in the Energy Community Contracting Parties and the EU Member States and their ability to pass safely through ongoing winter, as well as perspectives to enter comfortably into the next heating season. The Secretariat will continue to monitor the security of the supply situation continuously. The Group particularly took note of the emergency situation in Moldova and thanked the Secretariat for its assistance in drafting amendments to the legislation, aimed at delivering more security of supply. The Group praised the efforts of Ukraine in increasing the import firm capacities from the EU borders.
2. The Group's meeting was convened and organized in line with the amended Procedural act which took into account the new tasks and duties of the Group reflecting provisions from Regulation 2017/1938 on the security of supply.
3. Regulation 2017/1938 on the security of gas supply in the Energy Community was adopted and adapted by the Ministerial Council on 30 November 2021. The Secretariat presented the most important deadlines from the Regulation and a short analysis of identified gaps in the regulatory framework of the Contracting Parties. The Group invited the Secretariat to assist Contracting Parties in their smooth transposition of the relevant acquis.
4. The Group stressed that the most imminent actions required from the Contracting Parties are to notify the Secretariat of the competent authorities with their focal points and the definition of respective protected customers, without further delay.
5. The next meeting of the Group will be convened in June 2022 unless the situation warrants an extraordinary consultation in between.