

## **Energy Community Secretariat Decision 01/2023**

### **setting the filling trajectory with intermediary targets for 2024 for each Contracting Party with underground gas storage facilities on its territory and directly interconnected to its market area**

The Secretariat of the Energy Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2017/1938, as amended by Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) 2022/1032 with regard to gas storage,<sup>1</sup> and in particular Article 6a(7) thereof,

Whereas

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2017/1938, as amended by Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) 2022/1032 with regard to gas storage, was incorporated and adapted in the Energy Community acquis with a view to ensuring the filling of Contracting Parties' underground gas storage facilities from 2022 onwards;
- (2) As for 2023 and beyond, sub-paragraph 1 of Article 6a(7) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1938 provides that each Contracting Party with underground gas storage facilities must submit to the Energy Community Secretariat, by 15 September of the previous year, a draft filling trajectory with intermediary targets for February, May, July and September, including technical information, for such facilities on its territory and directly interconnected to its market area, in an aggregated form. The filling trajectory and the intermediate targets shall be based on the average filling rate during the preceding five years;
- (3) Sub-paragraph 3 of Article 6a(7) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1938 stipulates that, based on the technical information provided by each Contracting Party and taking into account the assessment of, the Energy Community Secretariat must adopt a decision setting the filling trajectory for each Contracting Party by 15 November of the preceding year;
- (4) The Energy Community Security of Supply Coordination Group was consulted during its meeting of 9 November 2023 and supported the filling trajectories with intermediate targets as presented in this Decision;
- (5) The filling trajectory and the intermediate targets shall take into account, to the extent possible, those submitted by the Contracting Parties and take into consideration the Contracting Parties' average filling rate during the preceding five years. Those targets shall be set in a manner to safeguarding the security of gas supply and avoiding unnecessary burdens on Contracting Parties, gas market participants, storage system

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<sup>1</sup> Incorporated and adapted by the Ministerial Council Decision 2022/01/MC-EnC adapting and implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1032 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1938 as adapted and adopted in the Energy Community by Ministerial Council Decision 2021/15/MC-EnC, and Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 as adapted and adopted by Ministerial Council Decision 2011/02/MC-EnC, with regard to gas storage.

operators or customers and not unduly distorting competition between storage facilities located in neighbouring Contracting Parties and/or Member States;

- (6) For Contracting Parties for which the filling target is reduced to 35% of their average annual gas consumption, the intermediate targets of the filling trajectory shall be reduced accordingly;
- (7) If the filling level of a given Contracting Party is more than five percentage points below the level of the filling trajectory, the competent authority shall, without delay, take effective measures to increase it. Contracting Parties shall inform the Energy Community Secretariat and the Security of Supply Coordination Group of the measures taken,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

**Filling trajectories for 2024**

The filling trajectories with intermediate targets for 2024 for Contracting Parties with underground storage facilities on their territory and directly interconnected to their market area are set as follows:

Contracting Party	February 1 <sup>st</sup> Intermediate target	May 1 <sup>st</sup> Intermediate target	July 1 <sup>st</sup> Intermediate target	September 1 <sup>st</sup> Intermediate target
Serbia	23%	30%	62%	93%
Ukraine* <sup>2</sup>	74%	41%	61%	80%

*Article 2*

**Entry into force**

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its signature.

Done at Vienna, 13 November 2023

Artur Lorkowski



Director  
Energy Community Secretariat

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<sup>2</sup> For the Contracting Parties falling under Article 6a(2), the pro rata intermediate target shall be calculated by multiplying the value indicated in the table by the limit of 35 % and by dividing the result by 90 %.