

5th Security of Supply Coordination Group -Gas Subgroup meeting

Ljubljana, Slovenia

6 October 2015

- 1. The meeting was attended by representatives of all Contracting Parties (CPs), representatives of the Observers (Georgia), the Participants (Poland, Italy), the European Commission (Chair) including JRC, ACER, Eurogas, GIE, Europex, as well as representatives of the Energy Community Secretariat (ECS).
- 2. 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. The Group invited Contracting Parties to implement as many elements as possible from Regulation 994/2010. The Group welcomed the amount of the measures implemented so far, and encouraged the Contracting Parties to continue to do so. The Group reiterated a need for a timely submission of the Security of Supply Statements.

Revision of Regulation 994/2010

3. The Commission presented the status quo of the revision of Regulation 994/2010 and informed the participants on the other security of supply related documents in the pipeline. Notably, presented changes aiming at a more regionally coordinated security of supply framework. The step towards a more regional cooperation was welcomed. The involvement of the Energy Community Contracting Parties and the Secretariat in this process was discussed. The Commission presented the Joint Act on Security of Supply, which aims at bridging the discrepancies amongst Member States and Contracting Parties. 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. The Secretariat and Contracting Parties presented their views on the recent consultations on Regulation 994/2010, an LNG and storage strategy and TYNDP.

Preparedness for winter 2015/16; Stakeholders' view

4. The Parties and the Commission briefed the Group on the status quo as regards security of gas supply for the winter 2015/2016 and the potential problems. Ukraine updated the Group on the status quo as regards the gas supply situation and presented the gas supply outlook for 2015/16. FYR of Macedonia reported on their security of supply situation and lessons learnt from the stress test. Eurogas and GIE presented their activities and proposals related to security of supply and storage.

Next steps

5. The Group agreed to be convened on an ad hoc basis if needed. The next meeting is envisaged for February 2016 in Vienna. The Group reiterated the invitation to the Contracting Parties to provide, on a voluntary and confidential basis, information on any problems with gas flows encountered, to the Secretariat.