ECRB Gas Working Group Activities

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GWG – 20201 Activities, General Information

GWG: 53 - rd Meeting, February, 3, 2022 webex meeting;

TF1 – Wholesale Market Monitoring
   - Monitoring report on the development of gas wholesale markets in the Contracting Parties;
   - Input to ACER’s Market Monitoring Report on aspects of gas wholesale markets in the CPs.

TF2 – Network Code Implementation
   - Report on reference price methodologies
   - Report on congestions at interconnection points;

TF3 – Methane emissions- TF Leader: Branka Tubin (AERS).
Input to ACER’s MMR on aspects of gas wholesale markets in the Contracting Parties

ECRB MMR on the development of gas wholesale markets in the Contracting Parties

**Background:**
- Assess the wholesale gas markets in the EnC;
- Identification of barriers;
- Recommendations on potential improvements;
- Data refers to year 2021.

**Methodology** detailed questionnaires to NRAs*
Deadline for completion was 21-st of April 2022.

Report covers EnC Contracting Parties (Georgia, Moldova, North Macedonia, Serbia and Ukraine), Observers – Armenia and Turkey.

TF Leader: Dalibor Mitrovski will be the TF leader
TF Leader Aleksandar Popadic (AERS).

The ECRB obligation under Article 36 of Regulation 2017/460 establishing a network code on harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas, as adopted for the Energy Community, ECRB is obliged to publish a report on the application of reference price Methodologies in the Contracting parties.

Next steps:

- The Draft Questionnaire will be sent for consultation in April.
- The final questionnaire to be sent to NRAs for completion in May 2022.
TF 2 Report on congestions at interconnection points;

TF Leader: Tetiana Kryvonoh (NEURC).

Background:
- report will serves as a basis for implementation of firm-day-ahead use-it-or-lose-it mechanisms;
- Recommendations on potential improvements.

The Report will cover cross border IPs between adjacent entry-exit systems of the CPs with an operational gas market as well as between the CPs and the neighboring EU Member States;

Next steps:
- ECRB will use the questionnaire on contractual congestions used in the previous year)
- detailed questionnaires to NRAs (to be completed by May 2022).
TF Leader: Branka Tubin (AERS).

This task force will provide an analysis of the applicable regulatory frameworks for reducing methane leakages in the gas sector. The focus will be in particular on:

- evaluation of costs and investments for methane leakage reduction;
- applicable methodologies for methane leakage/technical losses quantification and their links with tariff regulation;
- incentive mechanisms for methane leakage reduction
- Possible recommendations for criteria for recognition of methane leakage in regulated tariffs. The report shall also identify the other possible areas of regulatory oversight.

*The concept of the Document was discussed at the GWG*

**Next steps:**

- detailed questionnaire will be drafted and submitted for comments to NRAs before the next GWG meeting in June.
- The completion of the questionnaire will be realized in the second part of 2022.
Thank you for your attention!

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