Gas Security of Supply Regulation 2017/1938

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Gas SoS Regulation in the Energy Community

• The proposal for adaptations of the Regulation to the Energy Community is currently under preparation.

• Challenges:
  - Content determined by agreement or no agreement on the Energy Community Treaty reform

• Expected to be on the agenda for the Ministerial Council meeting on 25 November.

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Reminder: main elements
Regulation (EU) 2017/1938

- Competent authority
- Protected customers (harmonised)
- Supply standard
- Infrastructure standard
- Risk Assessment/regiona/content & template
- Preventive Action Plans/ content & template
- Emergency Plans/ content & template
- National emergency measures & mandatory regional plans and measures
- Crisis levels
- Strong EC role
- Community mechanism
- Solidarity
- Gas Coordination Group
- Information exchange, reporting, monitoring
EU Gas SoS Regulation: outcome of stress tests and gas supply crisis

- Recital 5: ‘..cooperative approach among Member States could significantly reduce the impact of very severe disruption scenarios in the most vulnerable Member States.’

- Recital 10: ‘..regional cooperation, involving both public authorities and natural gas undertakings, should be the guiding principle of this Regulation, to mitigate the identified risks and optimise the benefits of coordinated measures and to implement the most cost-effective measures for Union consumers.’
Possible elements for the Energy Community:

- Establishment of a **national competent authority**
- Definition of **Supply, Infrastructure standards** and protected customers
- **Establishment of** national Risk Assessment, Preventive and Emergency **plans** with definition of crisis levels
- The **Secretariat** – monitoring role; issues opinions to the plans, examines if measures are compliant with market functioning
- **Step-by-step** approach: focus on the most relevant changes from Directive 2004/67 in force in EnC
- **Review** clause: implement step-by-step approach on further Contracting Parties’ integration
- **Regional approach** – ??? - **Treaty amendments** – **reciprocity** – pre-condition for Regional approach (CP+MS)
Thank you