

11th Security of Supply Coordination Group - Gas Subgroup meeting

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1. The Group updated its members in relation to the security of natural gas supply status quo. The Secretariat invited members to update the emergency contact list of the Group without delay.
2. The European Commission (EC) presented the current activities related to the implementation of Regulation (EU) 1938/2017 on security of supply gas (the SoS regulation). The chair of the Eastern gas supply risk group (Ukraine route) provided an update on the status of the common risk assessment as required by the SoS Regulation.
3. The Group stressed that the need for an introduction and enforcement of Regulation 2017/1938 in the Energy Community Contracting Parties with special regard to the cross-border points between Contracting Parties and Member States.
4. The Joint Research Centre informed the Group about the state of play in cooperating with Contracting Parties. All interested Contracting Parties from the Western Balkan area are invited to participate in such an exercise.
5. The Group took note of the planned developments and preparedness for the upcoming heating season. The Ukrainian representative presented the lessons learnt from the March 2018 gas crisis and informed the Group about the developments in the unblocking of the Trans-Balkan corridor.
6. The Secretariat updated the Group about the planned study related to cybersecurity in the energy sector of the Energy Community, including the critical infrastructure. Participants were invited to cooperate and engage with the future consultant in order to be able to have a comprehensive view of the status quo in the Contracting Parties.
7. DG ENER made an intervention about the implementation of the information exchange mechanism related to intergovernmental agreements.
8. The Secretariat proposed to organize an emergency preparedness exercise in the first half of 2019. The Group welcomed the initiative and invited the Secretariat to continue the preparations of the exercise.
9. Next regular meeting of the Group is planned for February 2019 in Vienna.