



Press Release

Gas Transmission System Operators (TSOs) of the Southern Corridor Region publish the second edition of their Gas Regional Investment Plan

(Brussels, 4 June 2014, PR067-14) The TSOs of the Southern Corridor Region are pleased to release the second edition of their Gas Regional Investment Plan (SC GRIP 2014-2023) in line with Art. 12(1) of the Regulation (EC) No 715/2009.

SC GRIP provides an outlook of the development of the Regional gas market and updates information on infrastructure projects presented in ENTSOG TYNDP 2013-2022, issued in February 2013.

This report includes several enhancements compared with the first edition, among them the use of network modeling which allowed the analysis of the impact that major gas infrastructure projects or clusters of projects are expected to have on the development of the regional gas market and the security of supply. It also addresses the issues of past gas demand trends, of renewable energy sources prospects in several countries and of potential congestion at interconnection points, both from a physical and from a contractual point of view.

Dimitrios Kardomateas, ENTSOG board member and division director for Strategy, Development and Regulation of DESFA said: *“The publication of this GRIP follows decisions that ensure the strengthening of the Region’s role in the European gas scene leading to the addition of a new source of supply to Europe”.*

The Southern Corridor Region consists of very diverse countries with respect to their gas market size, maturity, demand pattern and diversification of supply sources. Moreover it hosts new, large capacity transmission projects opening new routes to both new and existing sources. Therefore the implementation of these projects will highly influence the security of supply and the diversification of supply sources and routes all over Europe.

Transmission System Operators of the Southern Corridor Region hope that the SC GRIP will provide useful information to all stakeholders fostering awareness about the development of the gas infrastructure project and gas market.

The SC GRIP, including Annexes A, B and C, is available on the websites of ENTSOG [[link: http://www.entsog.eu/publications/gas-regional-investment-plan-grips#SOUTHERN-CORRIDOR](http://www.entsog.eu/publications/gas-regional-investment-plan-grips#SOUTHERN-CORRIDOR)] and the Region's TSOs.] and the Region's TSOs.

All stakeholders are invited to share, with the TSOs, their comments or proposals that could help improve the next edition.

This GRIP was coordinated by DESFA, the Greek gas TSO. For your feedback or request of any further information, please contact Joseph Florentin (j.florentin@desfa.gr).

Editorial notes

The European Southern Corridor Region covers:

- > 10 countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.
- > 12 TSOs: Gasconnect Austria, BOG, TAG, Bulgartransgaz, Plinacro, DESFA, FGSZ, Snam Rete Gas, Infrastrutture Trasporto Gas, Transgaz, eustream and Plinovodi.



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Transgaz note in addition to the Press Release

The Gas Regional Investment Plan (GRIP) for Sothern Corridor Region (SC) is the outcome of a process started in the spring of 2013 and mainly developed during the last year. Consequently, GRIP SC does not include the latest updates of the National Transmission System development plan. However, the latest updates will be included in Transgaz' Ten Years Network Development Plan (TYNDP) 2014-2023 which is currently submitted for approval to the Romanian Energy Regulator. TYNDP 2014 - 2023 will be published after completion of the approval process. Moreover, the major projects of the company included in this plan will be part of the next edition of the TYNDP at EU level whose drafting is scheduled to be initiated this summer.