



SOUTH GAS REGIONAL INITIATIVE WORK PLAN 2011-2014

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1 Introduction

1.1 Rationale and objectives

From its constitution in 2006, the South Gas Regional Initiative (SGRI), integrated by the gas markets of France, Spain and Portugal, has achieved a number of key objectives in areas such as capacity allocation, investment in new infrastructure, interoperability and regulatory and legal convergence. The three countries taking part in the initiative have focused their efforts together, not only on the definition of common policies, but also in the development of concrete proposals and the joint application of the mechanisms to put them into practice. All this work has been done in close cooperation with stakeholders, transmission system operators (TSOs) and Ministries.

Some examples of the main practical achievements reached so far are the following:

- The increase of the interconnection capacity between France and Spain is going to be a reality after two coordinated Open Season procedures to foster new investments. By 2015, the interconnection capacity between France and Spain will be 7.5 bcm in the flow sense from Spain to France, and 5.5 bcm from France to Spain.
- The coordinated capacity has already been offered in the interconnection between Spain and France through Open Subscription Procedures, as linked capacity among different balancing zones.
- A coordinated auction has taken place to allocate capacity at the Spanish-Portuguese border in order to harmonize the CAMs according to principles established in the ACER's Framework Guidelines on CAM and the draft ENTSO's CAM Network Code.
- The new transparency requirements established in Regulation 715/2009/EC applying to all infrastructure operators, including underground storage and LNG terminals have been supervised in the three countries. Regulators have monitored the compliance with the participation of the stakeholders which have overseen the implementation of the new rules on required information to be public. This is considered as one of the main priorities for network users to gain effective access to the system
- A study on the legal changes that are required in Portugal and Spain to implement a common trading licensing process has been developed. A specific proposal has been sent for consideration and approval to the respective Ministries of both countries. A study analysing tariffs on both sides of the Spanish-Portuguese border has been realized, with the aim of promoting tariff harmonization. A national entry-exit system following European guidelines will be developed and a common task for launching tariff harmonization proposals shall be initiated after these national regulatory processes, during 2013. The Spanish regulator has recently submitted to public consultation the methodology proposal on tariffs for access to the gas infrastructures

In the beginning of 2011, the Regulatory Coordination Committee (RCC) of the region, composed by the National Regulatory Authorities from the three countries, approved the document “Action Plan 2011-2012 - Moving towards 3rd Package Implementation”, which outlines the main work streams and tasks planned for 2011 and 2012 in the South region, taking into account the targets established at European level regarding the development and integration of gas markets.

The present document was initially developed pursuant to the request expressed by the European Commission (EC) in its letters to the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) and to the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), of 18 and 20 April 2011. In these letters, each regulator, under the coordination of the lead regulator, was requested to contribute to elaborate a “European Energy Work Plan 2011-2014” for each region, including the necessary steps to complete the European Internal Energy Market by 2014. This Work Plan had to be addressed by the end of June to the DG Energy of the EC and to ACER. The South region sent its Work Plan to ACER and EC on 13th July 2011.

The first version of the Work Plan 2011-2014 for the South Gas Regional Initiative described the main areas of work foreseen for the region in this period, the specific tasks to be developed, with indication of the responsible parties, and the timetable and deadlines for the planned outcome.

In the 20th Madrid Forum, held the 26-27th September 2011, the Forum encouraged the GRIs to prioritise their work in particular, on infrastructure development and on pilot projects, testing early implementation of framework guidelines and network codes. The Forum also invited the lead regulators of each GRI to regularly update the Work Plan.

In March 2012, the Work Plan for the South region was updated in line with 20th Madrid Forum, placing higher emphasis on the already started projects on FG and NC implementation, in particular the CAM project between Spain and Portugal as well as including more cross-regional projects and the creation of a working group for the identification of the projects of common interest in the Region.

This document updates the Work Plan 2011-2014 focusing on the implementation of the harmonised CMP in the SGRI, according to the rules approved in August 2012 (Commission Decision amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks) and the CAM Roadmap of the SGRI, currently in development, aiming the early Draft CAM NC implementation. Furthermore, tasks related to PCI identification have been updated due to delay in approval of Regulation on Guidelines for trans-European Energy infrastructure. In addition, the work on the integration of the Spanish and Portuguese gas markets in an Iberian natural gas hub has been detailed.

1.2 Background

The infrastructure operators and regulators in the South region are already working in a number of areas, according to the priorities defined for the SGRI in the Action Plan 2011-2012, approved in January 2011. These priorities have been set up taking into account the current developments in the European gas context – drafting of Framework Guidelines and Network Codes –, the discussions being held on the Gas Target Model for Europe, and the implementation of the provisions from the EU 3rd Package.

As a result of this, the four main areas of work that were established in the Action Plan 2011-2012 for the SGRI were: capacity allocation mechanisms and congestion management procedures; ten year investment plan; transparency; and hub development.

These work areas will continue to be the core part of the Work Plan 2011-2014. In order to update the contents of the Action Plan and extend them until 2014, the work foreseen under these areas will be enlarged and extended. In addition, new areas of work are needed, so that the region follows the same path of the developments made at the European level, and the additional topics undertaken by the next Framework Guidelines and Network Codes are also addressed at regional level. With this aim, it has been decided to work at the regional level on balancing and interoperability, as the two main new areas that will follow the development of framework guidelines and network codes.

Under each one of these main areas, specific actions are outlined, to apply at regional and national level the guidelines set out at European level. The responsible entities who are to develop these actions are mainly the infrastructure operators – transmission, LNG and storage system operators, or TSOs, LSOs and SSOs – with the participation and cooperation of the rest of stakeholders. The involvement of Member States in this process is considered of paramount importance.

Finally, each planned action will materialise, in practice, in concrete tasks, with a timetable and a deadline. These deadlines have been established taking into account the most updated information on the timetable for the elaboration of Framework Guidelines by ACER and Network Codes by ENTSO-G, and their approval through “*comitology*” to become part of the EU regulation.

When establishing the priority areas and the specific tasks to be carried out, the SGRI has taken on board the main messages of the Communication “The future role of Regional Initiatives”, adopted by the EC on 7 December 2010, the results of the discussions held on this matter during the 19th and 20th Madrid Forum, in March and September 2011, and ACER’s recommendations on the need for projects with a cross regional scope. The document takes into account as well the additional thinking expressed by the EC in its aforementioned letter to CEER of 20 April 2011: the tasks addressed by the Regional Initiatives should mainly consist on the implementation of the EU *Acquis* and regulatory framework; the development of regional issues – related to areas such as infrastructure and balancing – and the pilot testing of Framework Guidelines and Network Codes.

The initial Work Plan of the South region was approved by the Regulatory Coordination Committee (RCC) of the South region, after public consultation to operators and stakeholders. Its following reviews have been approved by the NRAs after its public hearings..

2 Priorities and deliverables for 2011-2014

The main areas of work defined by the South GRI for the period 2011-2014 are the ones described hereafter in the following subsections.

2.1 Capacity allocation mechanisms (CAM) and congestion management procedures (CMP)

Access to infrastructures is of critical importance to develop a fair gas market and a level playing field for all users and consumers. Capacity in these infrastructures is often a scarce resource which needs to be allocated efficiently among market players to develop competition.

In this perspective, the harmonised CMP have been approved in August 2012. The Commission Decision amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks has established the guidelines on congestion management to make the most of the existing capacity and maximise its use in case of contractual congestion.

On capacity allocation, the ACER framework guidelines and the ENTSO-G draft network code currently in comitology process aim at setting common, transparent, efficient and non discriminatory mechanisms for allocating cross-border capacity between the different gas markets in Europe.

2.1.1 Capacity allocation mechanisms (CAM)

The SGRI has progressed in the common definition and application of CAMs in the interconnections of the Region.

Since the year 2008, coordinated allocation procedures in the interconnection between Spain and France, and inside France, both for short and long term capacity have been applied.

The **final goal on CAM** for 2014 would be having in place **joint coordinated CAMs** for the allocation of cross-border capacity **in all the interconnections** between the balancing zones in the region. For reaching this goal, the work to be done related to capacity allocation processes foreseen for 2011-2014 will consist of:

- I. 1. Annual short-term Open Subscription Periods (OSP) for 20% of the existing capacities between Spain and France. TSOs may explore the possibility of aligning this annual short-term OSP allocation procedure (pro-rata) with ACER's FG and ENTSG's proposal for a Network Code on CAM (auctions).
- I. 2. Harmonisation of CAM and application of joint mechanisms (pilot testing of FG-NC on CAM) in the gas interconnections between the three countries, starting from the

Spain-Portugal interconnection and continuing afterwards to complete the full harmonisation in the region. An auction procedure in line with what established by ENTSOG's draft NC is being developed by TSOs and NRAs to allocate bundled products on both sides of the border in a coordinated mechanism. The first auction was launched in June 2012 and it is planned to continue in June 2013.

- I. 3. A Roadmap for the early implementation of the CAM NC is being elaborated by Regulators in the Region This paper is the same for the interconnections in the three countries, and contains the plan that matches short and long term goals with specific actions to help meeting the full implementation of the draft CAM NC by 2014 in the Region.
- I. 1. Set up a TSOs Common Allocation Platform. After testing the coordinated regional capacity allocation mechanism, following FG and NC draft in the interconnection points in the region, the development of a platform to support such a coordinated allocation, in close cooperation with the other two Regions. Related projects tackled in other regions will be considered as a reference, or the analysis of the possible direct adherence to neighboring capacity platforms already in operation. The planning for its implementation is included in the CAM Roadmap in the South Region.

The timetable of specific actions in this area in the period 2011-2014 is shown in the Annex.

2.1.2 Congestion management procedures (CMP)

The South region has also focused its attention on the procedures to prevent and solve contractual congestion at the interconnections. In order to promote compliance with Regulation 715/2009/CE, Regulators and TSOs have analysed CMPs in force in the three countries. The region's Work Plan envisages the application of coordinated and harmonized CMPs at the borders as well as to implement the provisions of the EC guidelines on CMP. The region could also develop early implementation of some proposed provisions to serve as a pilot testing and provide feed-back on their effectiveness and feasibility.

The **final goal on CMP** for 2014 would be having in place **coordinated and harmonized CMPs in all the interconnections** in the region. For reaching this goal, the work to be done related to congestion management foreseen for 2011-2014 will consist of:

- II. 1. Design of a Roadmap on CMP implementation in the whole region. The plan will establish the tasks to be done in order the mechanisms UIOLI LT (long term use or lose it), capacity surrender and oversubscription and buy-back are operational at concerned interconnection points by 1st October 2013.
- II. 2. All coordinated CMP mechanisms, included firm day-ahead UIOLI will be implemented in the Region by July 2016.

The timetable of specific actions in this area in the period 2011-2014 is shown in the Annex.

2.2 Investment in new infrastructure. Ten-Year Network Development Plans and projects of common (European) interest

The European Energy Regulators have already shown their support to the elaboration of the Community-Wide 10-Year Network Development Plan (TYNDP) by ENTSO-G, according to the requirement of the 3rd package, as a basic tool to promote security of gas supply in Europe. The TYNDP gathers information about medium and long-term demand dynamics, evolution of gas supplies in Europe (domestic production and imports) and projects for new infrastructure (pipelines, LNG terminals or storage facilities) which will potentially have an impact on cross-border capacities. The plan also draws a picture of supply/demand balance in Europe, addressing, in particular import dependency, possible bottlenecks, and supply disruption scenarios. According to Regulation 715/2009/EC, TSOs shall establish regional cooperation with ENTSO-G to contribute to the elaboration of this plan.

In addition to the Community-wide TYNDP, the article 12 of Regulation 715/2009/EC states that TSOs shall also publish a regional investment plan every two years. The TSOs in the South region have already completed in the past years some studies on the cross-border investment needs in the region, in the horizon 2015. In order to go on with this work, SGRI plans to follow with the elaboration of the regional investment plan in the South region, as established by the Regulation 715/2009/EC. NRAs will also give feedback to TSOs on its contents and methodology as well as to the consistency amongst plans and to the minimum requirements established by ENTSG.

Another important reference on this matter is the EC's Communication on Infrastructure of the 17 November 2010, and the associated information – the so-called “Energy Infrastructure Package”. This Communication defines EU priority corridors for the transport of electricity, gas and oil, and also proposes a toolbox in order to enable a timely implementation of these priority infrastructures.

Additionally, on 19 October 2011, the European Commission unveiled its proposal for a Regulation on Guidelines for trans-European Energy infrastructure. This proposal aims at ensuring that strategic energy networks and storage facilities, including gas infrastructures, are completed by 2020. It proposes a regime of “projects of common interest” (PCI) contributing to implement these priorities. This new Regulation, once into force, will replace the current TEN-E framework.

Finally, as a result of the Open Season processes developed in the region for the increase of cross-border capacities between France and Spain – Open Seasons 2013 and 2015 – it is also necessary to follow up the investment process by the TSOs involved, to make sure that the projects are on track, so that the new planned capacities will be in place in the committed dates.

The **final goal on investment** in new infrastructure for 2014 in the SGRI would be setting up a **permanent framework of cooperation between TSOs** in the region, and among them **ENTSO-G and Stakeholders**, for the elaboration of the **Community-wide, update of the regional investment plans** and the **identification of the projects of common interest** in the region. The involvement and active participation of stakeholders in this process will be paramount, and NRA will have a role in approving such plans. For reaching this goal, the work to be done concerning investment, in the period 2011-2014, will consist of:

- III. 1. Regular publication and follow-up of the project status of investments committed by TSOs as a result of the Open Seasons 2013 and 2015 between France and Spain.
- III. 2. Input from the NRAs and TSOs in the region to ENTSO-G for the preparation of the Community-wide investment plans and Regional Investment plans.
- III. 3. Creation of a working group in the region in order to test the process for PCI identification, proposed in the draft Regulation through a pilot exercise.

The timetable of specific actions in this area in the period 2011-2014 is shown in the Annex.

2.3 Security of supply

Security of gas supply (SoS) was proved one of the weakest points of the European energy policy after the first Russian gas crisis. As a consequence, in October 2010 a new Regulation (Regulation 994/2010) concerning measures to safeguard security of gas supply and repelling Council Directive 2004/67/EC was approved. This Regulation recognizes the importance of gas in the energy mix of the Union, establishing the obligation for Member States to develop preventive and reactive measures to disruptions of gas supply. The Regulation pays special attention to the diversification of gas routes and of sources of supply and the sufficient and diversified gas infrastructure. It also reinforces the need for solidarity between Member States and the close cooperation among competent authorities, NRAs and the market agents on a supranational basis, allowing the development of joint preventive action plans at regional level.

Previous work of the South Region on SoS was focused on the infrastructure dimension, as requested by Stakeholders, in order to overcome the Iberian Peninsula isolation from the north of Europe. With this aim, coordinated Open Subscription and Open Season procedures between France and Spain were developed and launched in 2008-2010 in order to increase interconnection capacity between Spain and France, which may be considered as a first experience in the implementation of common and coordinated CAM at the frontiers, as established in the CAM FG and NC.

The **final goal on Security of Supply** for 2014 would be to **contribute to the implementation of the Regulation 994/2010**, providing a forum where relevant authorities of the three countries can explain progress on this issue and exchange experience that can help them to reach this target. The South region wants, as well, to **promote both internal and cross regional cooperation** in security of supply matters, as requested by the Regulation.

2.4 Balancing

Once approved the FG by ACER in October 2011, on 4 November 2011 the EC sent to ENTSOG the Invitation to draft a network code on Gas Balancing in Transmission Systems, which should be finished on 5 November 2012. The foreseen date is on 26 February 2013 the Draft Balancing NC to be sent to EC. ENTSOG is currently working hard on the development of this code and several workshops with Stakeholders have already been hold. The main features of the NC on balancing, for the time being, are the setting up of a daily balancing regime, under the responsibility of the own market actors, who would make use of market mechanisms – organised markets or hubs, or ad-hoc platforms – to purchase or sell gas to keep balanced. The users would need TSOs to provide them with the necessary information to be able to know their positions and assure this daily balance.

The **final goal** for the SGRI on **balancing** for 2014 would consist of being in **full compliance with** the provisions of the **Network Code**, which will have been approved via “*comitology*” and enforced by that time. For reaching this goal, the work to be done on balancing foreseen for 2011-2014 will be:

- IV. 1. Contributing to the finalisation of the Framework Guideline and the development of the Network Code, by raising the experience had at the national and regional level, and enriching the European discussions with the lessons learned from the current balancing regimes in the South region.
- IV. 2. Investigation of the use of the existing and coming organised gas markets in the region for the procurement of gas for balancing purposes.
- IV. 3. Analyse the current configuration of balancing zones and the possible integration to constitute bigger balancing areas in the region to help developing virtual hubs. Investigate the best suitable model regarding balancing in the region.
- IV. 4. Possible launching of a pilot project for a common balancing platform integrating the provision of balancing systems in the three countries in the region, starting from Portugal and Spain.

The timetable of specific actions in this area in the period 2011-2014 is shown in the Annex.

2.5 Tariffs

CEER and subsequently ACER have also started working on tariffs. In this issue, it is not yet decided whether ACER will develop a framework guideline – and ENTSO-G, a network code – or whether it will be taken over directly by the EC, through “*comitology*” or direct regulatory enactment. Currently, European regulators are still discussing the scope of the work and the different aspects that would fall under this term.

In this area, the **final goal** until 2014 will depend on the final outcome of the European work, or the alternative regulatory developments by the EC. In any case, the entry-exit tariff structure model must be implemented. NRAs will try to **contribute and enrich** as much as possible the **discussions at European level** and carrying out **studies** to assess the **current situation and possible improvements**. To do this, the following tasks are proposed:

- V. 1. CNE and ERSE are currently focusing on the harmonization of transmission tariff structures, initially at cross border points, through the realisation of a joint study for comparing the current tariff regimes in both countries, and in particular for gas consumed in a country with entry on the other, to analyse the existence of “*pancaking*” and identify other possible obstacles and proposals for improvement. A prior document analysing cross border tariff payments has been elaborated.
- V. 2. CNE and ERSE are working now in developing a national entry-exit system following European guidelines. A common task for launching tariff harmonization proposals shall be initiated after these national regulatory processes, during 2013. In November 2012, the Spanish regulator submitted to public consultation the methodology proposal on tariffs for access to the gas infrastructures.

Further studies can be carried out to evaluate the application of the different tariff structures in the three countries, to different consumer profiles, proposing improvements in the tariff structures.

The timetable of specific actions in this area in the period 2011-2014 is shown in the Annex.

2.6 Interoperability

ACER published the Framework Guideline on Interoperability and data Exchange Rules in July 2012. On the basis of these FG, ENTSOE has developed a Draft Network Code which has been recently submitted to public consultation to the market. The main aim is to harmonise rules for the operation of transmission systems in order to encourage and facilitate efficient gas trading and transport across gas transmission systems within the EU.

The **final goal** for the SGRI on **interoperability** for 2014 would be **contributing to the development of the FG and the NC** building upon the regional experience, and **harmonising**, in line with the outcome of the FG and the NC developed on this area, those **procedures and interoperability aspects** that are deemed necessary to be harmonised. For reaching this goal, the work to be done on interoperability foreseen for 2011-2014 will consist of:

- VI. 1. Contribute with the regional experience to the development of the FG and the NC.
- VI. 2. Harmonising those procedures and interoperability aspects, considered necessary by the operators and stakeholders in the region, in line with the provisions of the FG and the NC.
- VI. 3. In particular, develop specific proposals for the harmonisation of aspects such as the gas day, communication protocols between TSOs, quality standards, programming and nomination schedules, etc.

The timetable of specific actions in this area in the period 2011-2014 is shown in the Annex.

2.7 Implementation of the 3rd Package: Transparency

The 3rd Package has reinforced the provisions related to transparency for all infrastructures. In addition, Regulation 715/2009/EC was amended by the EC Decision of 10 November 2010, in relation with the provisions on transparency in the Annex I, part 3. Transparency is one of the main priorities for network users to gain effective access to the system. Regulators must supervise that the new requirements are followed in the three countries by all infrastructure operators, including underground storage and LNG terminals.

The **final goal on transparency** for 2014 in the region would be achieving **full implementation of the transparency requirements in Regulation 715/2009/EC** by all TSOs, LSOs and SSOs in the region. This goal has been reached following the tasks set up in this WP in the period 2011-2014, that have consisted of:

- VII. 1. Supervision of compliance with the implementation of the new provisions on transparency in the Regulation 715/2009/CE, for transmission, LNG and storage infrastructure operators. With this aim, in early December 2011, and following the same methodology than used in the North region, NRAs of the South region sent to TSOs, and also to LSOs and SSOs, a questionnaire to check their compliance with the Regulation. A preliminary assessment of TSOs' compliance by Regulators was presented to Stakeholders in February. A public consultation on operators' responses to the questionnaires was opened till mid-June 2012. Regulators elaborated a Final Report that describes the monitoring process, the evaluation of the compliance, the assessment of stakeholders' responses, the conclusions of the assessment and all questionnaires received from operators. The Final Report was presented in the SG meeting on 27 September 2012 and its main findings and conclusions have been taken into account in the final ACER analysis on transparency in EU countries.

The timetable of specific actions in this area in the period 2011-2014 is shown in the Annex.

2.8 Developing hub-to-hub gas trading in the South region

Following a request from the 18th Madrid Forum, European energy regulators committed to produce a vision paper on a conceptual model for European gas markets (the "gas target model"). Building on regulators' work to date (including on framework guidelines in specific areas), the feedback from four dedicated public workshops and one workshop discussing the view of academia, the outcome of the CEER call for evidence (5 November 2010 to 7 January 2011), the CEER public consultation (5 July to 20 September 2011) and the discussions at the 19th and 20th Madrid Fora, on 1 December 2011 CEER published a conclusions paper which sets out the vision for the European Gas Market in 2014 and beyond. This paper proposes measures to achieve the goal of the Internal Energy Market by 2014 in line with the commitment of the European Council of 4 February 2011.

In this respect, the SGRI plans to get closer to the hub-to-hub model through the promotion and endorsement of **organised gas markets (hubs)**. This would promote liquidity and competition in gas trading in the region. At present, such organised markets only exist in France, and in Spain a hub is expected to be set up in the coming months.

For these platforms to arise and become well-functioning markets, regulators, operators and stakeholders in the region need to work together and in close cooperation. Once these organised markets are in place, in order to have a functioning Internal Energy Market in Europe in 2014, they will have to be integrated. The region will study different options to deepen market integration consistently with the general EU orientations.

Further works on other issues might be developed once identified the main priorities, specifically regarding market based mechanisms and following stakeholders opinion. Also, other work streams could be opened up in the region, following the developments in the future Framework Guidelines and Network Codes.

The **final goal** for the SGRI for 2014 would be **contributing to the development of a true hub-to-hub gas trading** in the region.

Regulators have elaborated a plan for analysing the models for the integration of the Spanish and Portuguese gas markets in a common Iberian Natural Gas Hub: national market areas, regional market zones or supra national market. The analysis of the advantages, drawbacks and the regulatory harmonization requisites for its implementation, as well as stakeholder's consultation are planned to be done along 2013.

The timetable of specific actions in this area in the period 2011-2014 is shown in the Annex.

2.9 Cross regional projects

In the 26th GRI coordination meeting, hold on 26th January 2012, ACER stressed that the EU dimension of the GRI regions was still missing, and there was room to improve the coherence and convergence of the three regions, in particular, boosting cross-regional projects, i.e., on CAM and infrastructure, since these aspects have been already identified by the BoR as an effective contribution by the Gas Regional Initiatives to the 2014 target.

In respond to this request, the South region has identified some potential areas, being already approached by the region, where cross regional work and collaboration with other gas initiatives is possible.

Consequently, the **final goal** for the SGRI on **cross regional projects** for 2014 would be **focused on transparency, capacity platforms, security of supply and hub development**, building upon the regional experience on these projects. For reaching this goal, the work to be done for 2011-2014 will consist of:

- IX. 1. Early implementation of CAM following framework guidelines and draft network code sharing the knowledge gained with other regions specifically taking advantage of the French participation on two Regions.
- IX. 2. Following steps taken by the North region, but extending the approach to LSOs and SSOs, monitoring the implementation of Regulation transparency provisions. The South region will collaborate with the others regions in the development of a work program to promote compliance with the Regulation on this issue for those cases where it is needed.

- IX. 3. Implementation of a capacity platform: After testing the coordinated regional capacity allocation mechanism, following FG and NC draft in the interconnection points in the region, the development of a platform to support such a coordinated allocation, in close cooperation with the other two Regions. Related projects tackled in other regions will be considered as a reference, or the analysis of the possible direct adherence to neighbouring capacity platforms already in operation. A roadmap for implementation will be done as a first step.
- IX. 4. Promotion of cross regional cooperation in security of supply matters, closely monitoring others' regions progress and difficulties on this issue.
- IX. 5. Monitoring (and collaboration when required) of other regions' work to promote hub developments.

Annex: Timetable of the SGRI Work Plan for 2011-2014

Areas of work	Responsible	Starting	Deadline
Capacity allocation mechanisms (CAM)			
I.1. OSP France-Spain: annual allocation of short-term capacities	TSOs	Nov. (yearly)	Dec. (yearly)
I.2. CAM harmonisation proposal between Spain and Portugal	NRAs-TSOs	Jan. 2011	Jun. 2012 (COMPLETED)
I.3. CAM harmonisation proposal in the whole region	NRAs-TSOs	Jan. 2012	Dec. 2013
I.4. Set up a common TSO Allocation Platform: Roadmap and Implementation	TSOs	Jul. 2012	Dec. 2014
Congestion management procedures (CMP)			
II.3. CMP harmonisation in the whole region	NRAs-TSOs	Oct 2012	Oct.2013
II.4 CMP harmonisation in the whole region (including UIOLI firm ST)	NRAs-TSOs	Oct 2012	Jul. 2016
Investment in new infrastructure. Ten-Year Network Development Plans and projects of common (European) interest			
III.1. Regular update and publication in CEER website of project status of OS 2013 and 2015	TSOs-NRAs	Dec. (yearly)	Jun. (yearly)
III.2. Drafting of the South Regional Investment Plan 2012	TSOs	Jul. 2011	Jan. 2012 (COMPLETED)
III.3. Feedback to ENTSO-G on contents and methodology of the regional investment plan	NRAs	Jan. 2012	Jul. 2012 (COMPLETED)
III.4. Input to ENTSO-G for the Community-wide TYNDP 2013	TSOs	Jan. 2012	Apr. 2013
III.5. Creation of a working group in the region in order to test the process of PCI identification	NRAs -TSOs	Mar. 2012	March 2013
III.6. Drafting of the South Regional Investment Plan 2014	TSOs	Jan. 2013	Apr. 2014
Balancing			
IV.1. Contributing to the FG and NC, by raising the regional experience and lessons learned	NRAs-TSOs	Permanent	

Areas of work	Responsible	Starting	Deadline
IV.2. Investigation of the use of the gas markets in the region for balancing purposes	NRAs-TSOs	Jun. 2012	Jun. 2013
IV.3. Analyse the current configuration of balancing zones and possible merging of certain areas	NRAs-TSOs	Jan. 2013	Dec. 2013
IV.4. Pilot project for a common balancing platform in the three countries	TSOs	Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014
Tariffs			
V.1. CNE-ERSE joint study on tariff regimes in Spain and Portugal	NRAs	2010	Dec. 2011
V.2. CNE-ERSE proposal for tariff harmonization in Spain and Portugal	NRAs	2010	Dec. 2012
V3. Further studies to evaluate the current tariff structures and propose improvements in the Region	NRAs	Jan. 2012	Dec 2013
Interoperability			
VI.1. Contribute with the regional experience to the development of the FG and the NC	NRAs-TSOs	Permanent	
VI.2. Analysis of interoperability aspects and procedures that need to be harmonised among the three countries (in line with the FG-NC)	TSOs	Jan. 2013	Jan. 2014
VI.3. In particular, harmonisation of gas day, communication protocols between TSOs, quality standards, programming and nomination schedules, etc.	TSOs	Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014
Implementation of the 3rd Package			
VII.1. Supervision of compliance with the implementation of the new provisions on transparency in the Regulation 715/2009/CE, for transmission, LNG and storage infrastructure operators	NRAs	Sep. 2011	Jun. 2012 (COMPLETED)
Developing hub-to-hub trading in the South region			
VIII.1. Hub development: Models for integration of Spain and Portugal in an Iberian gas hub	NRAs-TSOs- stk	Jan.2013	Dec. 2013
VIII.2. Hub-to-hub gas trading in the region	NRAs-TSOs-stk	Jan.2014	Dec. 2014