



DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR ENERGY

**SUMMARY NOTE OF THE MEETING OF THE GAS COORDINATION GROUP
17 DECEMBER 2013 (10:00-16:00)**

1. COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES

The **Algerian delegation** gave a presentation on the situation of the gas sector in Algeria. An overview of the developments in this sector was provided, from the past figures and statistics on production and exports to medium and long term perspectives. The legislative changes introduced in 2013 were also explained together with estimations for their increased gas production capacities, including non-conventional gas. The role of Algeria as a key supplier to the EU was highlighted.

The **Swiss delegation** on its turn presented the main results of the gas risk assessment they had carried out similarly to the one required by Regulation (EU) No 994/2010. They explained that the security of supply standards contained in Regulation 994/2010 are already met in Switzerland and informed about a planned consultation with neighbouring countries on such a risk assessment.

2. THE "HYDRAULIC" MODEL DEVELOPED BY TSOs AND ITS RELEVANCE FOR SECURITY OF GAS SUPPLY IN THE BALTICS AND FINLAND

The Vice President of Gasum Oy, Mr. Soumilammi, presented the hydraulic model that has been developed in cooperation with the Baltic TSOs and which can help in preparing security of supply analyses.

3. GENERAL UPDATE ON SECURITY OF SUPPLY RELEVANT ISSUES

Some Member States intervened in this point to explain national measures recently adopted with regard to security of supply. Italy and the Czech Republic presented their national provisions on storage and Austria made a presentation on how the security of supply standards are monitored at national level. After that, GRTgaz from France explained their forecasts for operations in the event of strains in their network for the winter 2013/2014. They also showed an indicator publicly available in their web which reflects the estimated level of strain for the next 5 days.

Finally, Gas Storage Europe (GSE) made a presentation on the status of storage levels in Europe and its comparison with the three previous seasons.



4. ACTIVITIES OF THE GAS COORDINATION GROUP IN 2014

The Commission proposed to launch a series of discussions focusing on one specific issue at each meeting. Topics could notably focus on specific questions concerning how to ensure security of supply in a liberalised market environment and how national measures impact the security of neighbouring Member States. DG ENER invited members of the GCG to propose up to 5 topics for such discussions.

In order to launch these discussions, the Commission made a presentation on the study on entry-exit regimes in gas by KEMA¹ and proposed to hold a discussion in the next meeting of the GCG focusing on the existing licensing conditions in Member States that are linked to security of supply.

The Commission informed about the report it has to prepare in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation 994/2010 and its intention to consult the GCG on such a report.

The Commission finally informed the GCG about the tentative dates for meetings in 2014 as follows:

- 14 February
- 22 May
- 16 September
- 12 November

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No points were raised under the AOB.

6. AFTERNOON SESSION – MS ONLY

The afternoon session explored what was Member States' perspective on measures and concerns of security of supply ahead the next winter. Issues related to the implementation of Regulation 994/2010 were also discussed.

¹ The study can be found in the Commission's web site in the following link:
http://ec.europa.eu/energy/gas_electricity/studies/gas_en.htm