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SOUTH SOUTH-EAST GAS REGIONAL INITIATIVE WORK PLAN 2011-2014

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Starting point: Critical features of the region

- Wide geographical scope;
- Low levels of liquidity and competition in national markets;
- Different capacity allocation procedures at the IPs;
- Different gas-day definitions and nomination rules;
- Lack of binding set of rules limiting the effectiveness of different initiatives;
- Lack of involvement and participation by some regulators/Member States.

Starting point: Main achievements

- Introduction of a **Strategic Advisory Panel**;
- Creation of **reverse-flow** capacities on unidirectional gas pipelines (e.g. *TAG*);
- Coordination of **regional investments** in new infrastructures (e.g. *interconnector HU-SK*) ⇨ enabled the finalisation of Interconnection Point Agreements and OBAs (e.g. *new gas exchange at Baumgarten gas hub; OBA to be implemented at IT/AT border*);
- **Monitoring** of EASEE Gas Standard implementation in SSE.

Prerequisites for the implementation of a fully integrated gas market by 2014

- It will strongly depend on:
 - » Timely implementation of the **3rd Package**;
 - » **TSO action** to fulfil legal requirement on regional cooperation;
 - » Timely development and implementation of **network codes** at EU-level providing for harmonised rules for cross-border network issues and market integration issues.
- To rely only on voluntary involvement does not seem a feasible option.

Roadmaps for 2014: Process carried out in the SSE region

- **Lead regulators** participated in the ACER *Coordination Group of the GRI* (May/June 2011);
- **NRA members** asked to actively contribute to the drafting process (May/June 2011);
- **Stakeholders** invited to submit written comments on their expectations and possible contributions to the Work Plan (June 2011).



RESULTS

- Some **Pilot Projects (PP)** have been identified focusing on: Interoperability; Capacity allocation (CA) and bundled products; Enabling market integration; Infrastructure and Investments.

Interoperability: PP I – EASEE gas rules adoption

DELIVERABLE I.1 Standard products		
ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
All the TSOs adopt the EASEE standards with special reference to gas-day definition, unit and OBAs	TSOs	2012/2013

CA and bundled products: PP II - Coordinated short term capacity services

DELIVERABLE I.2 Bundled capacity allocation at Austria/Italy IP

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Agreement on harmonised nomination and re-nomination rules	SNAM/TAG	2011
Harmonised calculation of available firm and interruptible capacities	SNAM/TAG	2011
Proposal for a procedure for the coordinated allocation of daily capacity	SNAM/TAG	2012
Definition of a bundled capacity product to be allocated by explicit auctions in order to connect PSV and Baumgarten	SNAM/TAG	2013

CA and bundled products: PP III – GATRAC bundled products

DELIVERABLE I.3 Bundled products		
ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Concept for the realisation of bundled products at all SSE regional IPs	Net4Gas together with partner TSOs	2012
Implementation of bundled product offers at further SSE regional IPs	Regional TSOs	2012+

Enabling market integration: PP IV – Cross-Regional Balancing Platform

DELIVERABLE I.4 Cross-Regional Balancing Platform		
ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Implementation of a cross-regional balancing platform	CEGH	2012

Enabling market integration: PP V - Structure of future regional balancing and trading zones in the SSE region

DELIVERABLE I.5 Structure of future balancing zones		
ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Cost benefit analysis of implementing different models for balancing and trading zones (market areas/trading regions/market coupling)	NRAs	2012
Definition of the model for future regional balancing and trading zones	SG	2012/2013
Planning and launch of implementation	SG	2014+

Infrastructure: PP VI - Interconnections, available transmission capacity and investments

DELIVERABLE I.6 Interconnections and available transmission capacity		
ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Check investment plans against the background of future market architecture scenarios	TSOs coordinated by GRI Lead Regulators	ongoing
Consultation of the Regional TYNDP	TSOs with active stakeholder involvement	2012

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