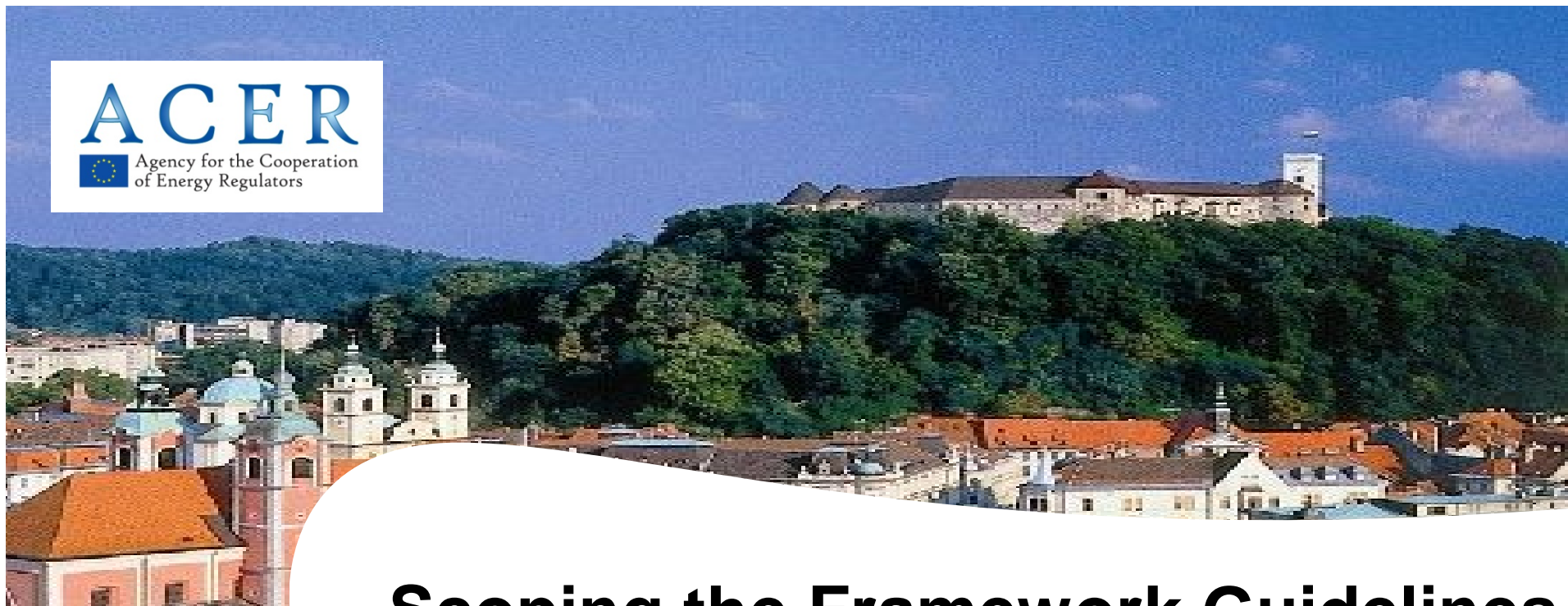


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Scoping the Framework Guidelines on Interoperability Rules for European Gas Transmission

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FG on Interoperability Rules – update

- A scoping document was prepared in the course of this summer;
- A workshop with stakeholders was held on 13 September 2011 in Ljubljana;
- Invitation by EC to start drafting the FG is expected this October.

Objective of FG on Interoperability Rules

- Smooth cooperation among system operators and between system operators and system users, agreeing on technical parameters, writing down operational procedures and agreeing on the protocol on how to inform each other.
- The procedures of the operational and technical domain can strongly influence the development of markets.
- To ensure and maintain system integrity and the continuity of supply, system operators do not only have to invest in infrastructure, but also have to focus on operational and interconnection agreements.

Definition of the term “Interoperability”

- *Technical definition : “Interoperability refers to the ability of diverse transmission systems to work together (inter-operate) in a technical system operational sense in order to facilitate the exchange of gas across networks, taking into account organisational factors that impact system to system performance and realising simple and reliable exchange of information between system operators as well as between system operators and system users.*
- *Definition from users’ perspective: One overall aim of interoperability is to ensure that users of transmission systems in Europe do not face any additional technical, commercial or operational barriers compared with if the relevant networks were efficiently operated by a single entity.”*

Application of the Framework Guidelines

The application shall cover :

- *interconnection points between adjacent entry/exit systems (so not only on cross-border points);*
- *all other entry and exit points of those entry/exit systems (e.g. linked to storage, LNG, production facilities and end-consumers including these exit points which are connected to distribution systems) where gas can enter or exit the system.”*

Issues to be addressed in the Framework Guidelines

- Nomination Process
 - Gas-day
 - Re-nomination regime
 - Operational constraints
- Interconnection Agreements (matching, rules for flow control, measurement principles of gas quantities and quality, rules for allocating measured gas quantities,...)
- Units harmonisation
- Gas quality
- Data exchange
- Capacity calculation

Interaction with other FGs

Other areas, from Article 8(6) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, may also be considered for inclusion in the scope of the Framework Guidelines on Interoperability Rules for the European Gas Transmission Networks in order to use resources more efficiently:

- network security and reliability rules;
- network connection rules;
- third-party access rules;
- data exchange and settlement rules; and
- operational procedures in an emergency.

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your attention

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