



Gas roadmap and regional initiative

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Background

- **ERGEG published its gas roadmap for consultation in November 2005**
 - **The road map set out ERGEG's view on the key issues inhibiting the development of competitive gas markets**
 - **ERGEG proposed a gas regional initiative to push forward market integration at a practical level**
 - **26 responses were received - non-confidential responses are on ERGEG's website**
 - **Support from all respondents for the gas regional initiative**
 - **Lack of market integration identified by DG Competition & DG TREN as key issues**
- **Launch of the gas regional initiative in April alongside a gas roadmap conclusions paper**

The idea behind

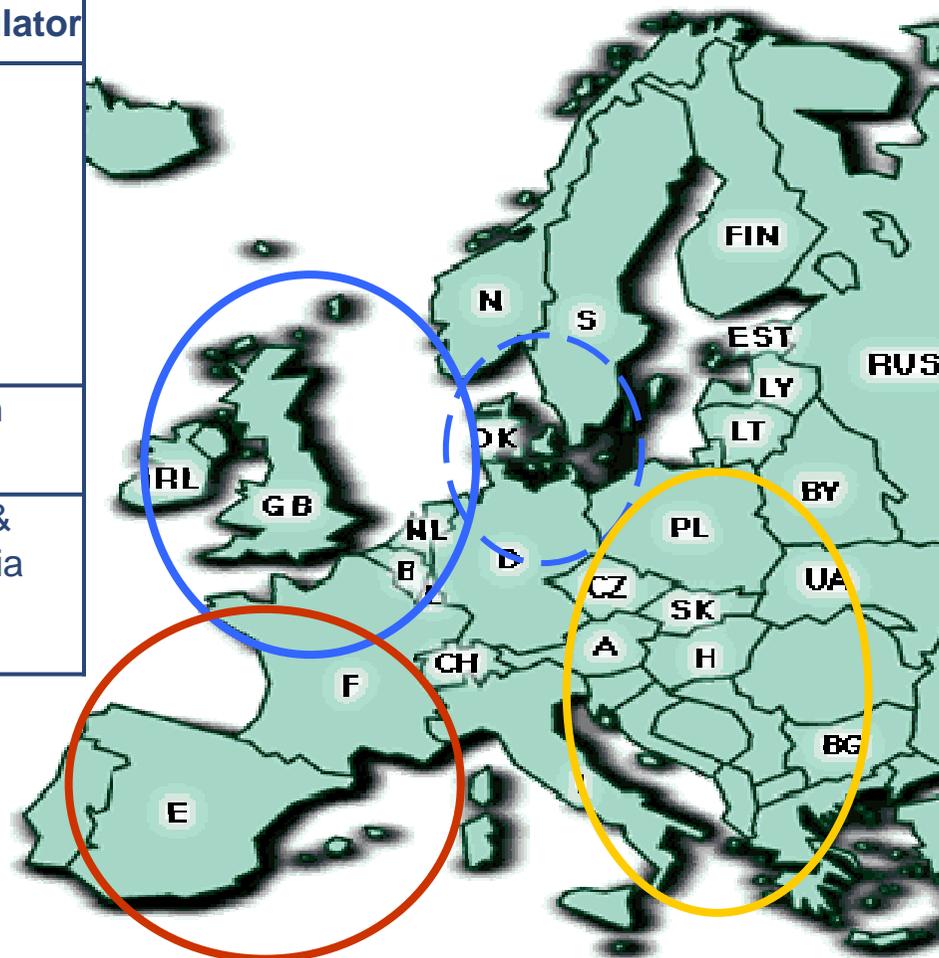
- **AIM:** foster the creation of regional gas markets as a stepping stone towards a single competitive market
- **FOCUS:** trading at and between gas hubs and other issues impacting on market integration
 - e.g. transparency, network access
- **SCOPE:** address the shortcomings identified by DG COMP's Energy Sector Inquiry Interim Report
 - Market concentration, vertical foreclosure, lack of market integration, lack of transparency, price formation
- **INVOLVEMENT:** ensure that all key stakeholders are involved
 - the Commission, Member State governments, TSOs and other market operators (e.g. storage and hub) and other market participants (e.g. traders, shippers, suppliers, consumer organisations)

What do we want to achieve?

- **PRACTICAL OUTPUT:** increase market liquidity, competition, TPA efficiency and security of supply – e.g.
 - Increase market liquidity
 - Increase trading activities and competition, increase number of active traders in the region
 - Increase TPA efficiency through harmonised TPA rules; market orientated and cost-based offer of transport services and flexibility tools; sufficient availability of transport capacities...
 - Increase security of supply and competition through diversification of sources and sufficient availability of transport capacities

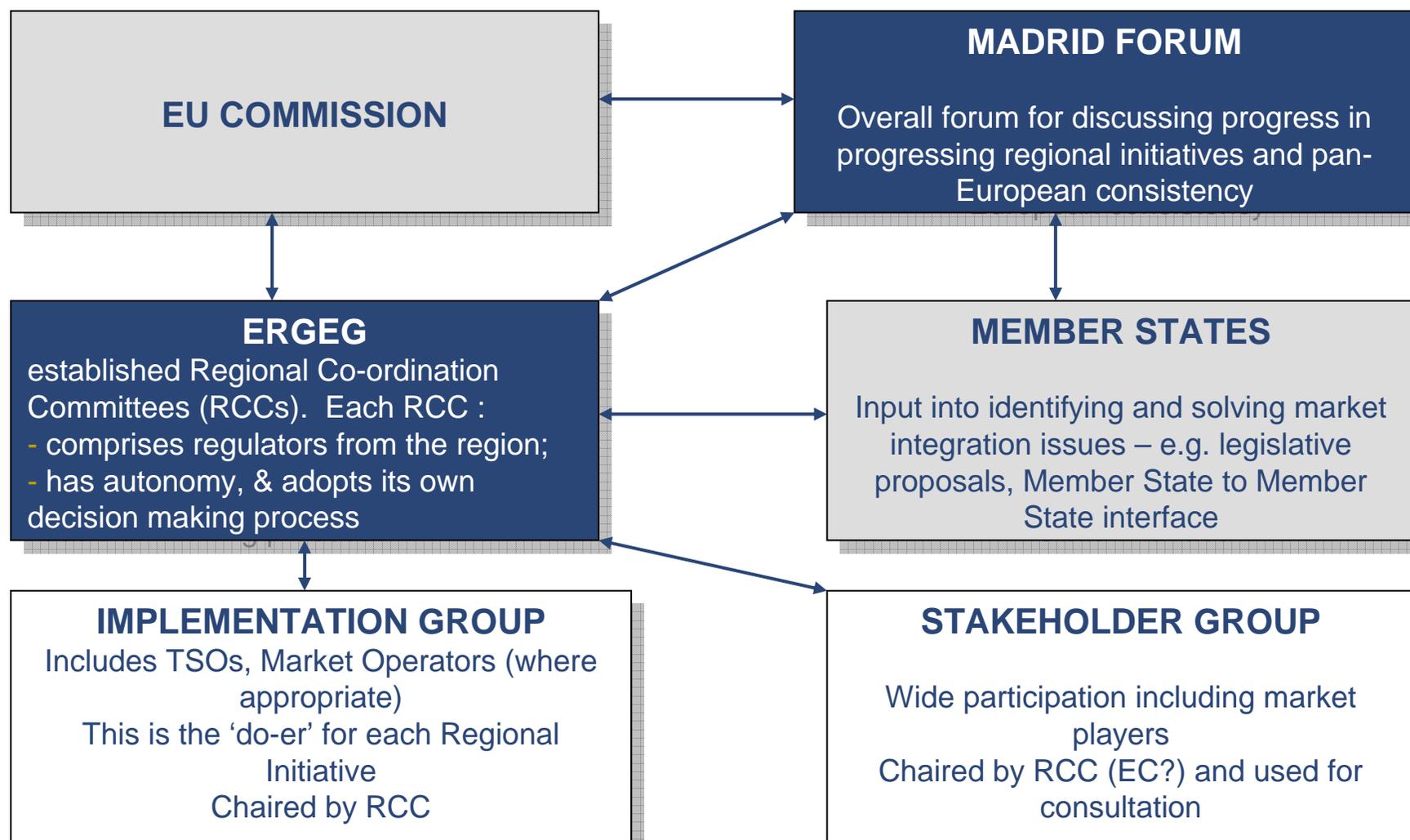
Scope

Region	Countries	Lead Regulator
North-West	Netherlands, Belgium, France, Great Britain, Ireland	NL
North (*)	Germany, Denmark, Netherlands	
South	Spain, Portugal, Southern France	Spain
South-South East	Italy, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Greece, Poland, Czech Republic	Italy & Austria



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Structure



Roles (1)

→ Regulators

- Formed into Regional Co-ordination Committees
- primary drive & motivation
- Establishment and lead of regional projects → including way of work, decision making, consulting stakeholders, convene Implementation Group/Stakeholder Group, involve Member State governments and EC
- Reporting and monitoring of progress
- Prepare/commission discussion papers, gather information, distil/develop conclusions/way forward, develop action plan
- ERGEG report to Madrid Forum

→ Member State governments

- Relevant powers often rest with Member State government → new national legislation may be needed
- political support is crucial

Roles (2)

→ EC

- Key role in supporting each gas REM project and helping to deliver objectives

→ Stakeholder Group

- Stakeholders views and input crucial for progress
- Stakeholders will be involved in definition of detailed objectives and timetable
- regulators will ensure full transparency and consultation
- formal and informal dialogue

→ Implementation Group

- Agreed proposals need to be implemented in a practical and efficient way
- Can be invited to put forward proposals for solutions, actions
- Regular dialogue with RCC – e.g. regular formal meetings

Information – Access to Documents – Transparency

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Topic	Description	(Up)date on web	
New ERGEG Public Consultation on GGP on Accounts Unbundling	EREGG launches a public consultation on Guidelines for Good Practice on Accounts Unbundling.	28 April 2006	view
New ERGEG Press Release on Gas Regional Initiative (GRI)	EREGG launches a major EU-wide Gas Regional Initiative to Accelerate the Single European Energy Market. It aims, by identifying and removing barriers in 4 regions, to deliver step-wise progress towards a competitive single electricity market. See also Fact Sheet.	25 April 2006	view
Conclusions Paper to Gas Road Map public consultation	EREGG publishes the "Roadmap for a Competitive Single Gas Market in Europe. An ERGEG Conclusions Paper". This is an important input into the Gas Regional Initiative launched on 25 April (see above Press Release which contains links to a Fact Sheet).	25 April 2006	view
New ERGEG Public Consultation on	EREGG launches a public consultation on Guidelines for Good Practice for Gas	25 April	view

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Timetable

Timing	Action
April 2006	Finalise scope of gas REMs
May 2006	ERGEG presents establishment of gas REMs to the Madrid Forum
June 2006	1 st meeting of RCC: Establish governance structure; Identify tentative priority actions based on roadmap paper and CEER/ERGEG workplan, DG COMP Sector Inquiry, EC Benchmarking report, stakeholders' input; report to ERGEG
June/July 2006	RCCs to decide/establish/convene meetings of implementation Group and Stakeholder Group
Aug/Sept 2006	RCC to develop forward Action plan in consultation with implementation and Stakeholder Group
Sept/Oct 2006	RCC reports to ERGEG on Action Plan ERGEG compiles report for 4 REMs and reports to Madrid Forum
Post Autumn 2006	RCC's begin to implements Action Plan. Continued liaison with Implementation and stakeholders Groups

Next Steps

