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**Views by Eurogas
on**

Draft Explanatory Note on Transparency



THE EUROPEAN UNION OF THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY

Eurogas welcomes the draft Explanatory Note on Transparency.

Eurogas had commented on the earlier draft, and is pleased to note that points have been taken into consideration.

Although the Explanatory note has no legal status, Eurogas urges TSOs to observe its principles and recommendations.

Eurogas members consider that transparency of information required of TSOs' operations, and made available on a non-discriminatory basis, is key to the successful and proper functioning of the market.

The explanatory note properly recognizes that the presumption should be towards publication of data. The requirement should be to publish in all situations unless the National Regulator accepts a particular case for non-disclosure.

Eurogas supports

- that information should be through publication on a publicly accessible website
- terms and conditions of access should be harmonized and variables clarified
- that information on technical, contractual and available capacity is needed, noting that timing/frequency of publication should be dictated by the balancing regime used by the TSO
- the explanations about the confidentiality issue