DG TREN Interoperability study

Way forward for GTE

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- In December 2005, the European Commission (DG TREN) launched an Interoperability Study

- GTE participated at preparatory meetings (March 2006) and gave comments on the questionnaire, hereby stressing that priority should be given to gas quality issues, as this is the only real barrier for the free flow of gas through Europe

- The final report was received on February 6, together with a traffic light representation of the current situation at each interconnection point

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- **GTE preliminary comments:**
  - The report provides factual data as provided by TSOs, shippers and other stakeholders ➔ GTE comments will be provided to DG TREN
  - Traffic light representation should be further analyzed as amber/red lights are sometimes resulting from interpretation differences while they do not always constitute real barriers for the free flow of gas

- **GTE is pleased to further contribute to the study by developing an interactive map based on the data provided by DG TREN**
  - Development/prototyping has already started
  - Demo version available GISweb_001\index.htm

GTE Way forward
Working program 2007-2008

- Gas quality: contribution to on-going activities
- Development of an interactive interoperability map
  - Data cleansing (starting from DG TREN data)
  - Resolving inconsistencies
  - Online publication (Q4 2007)
  - Consultation with stakeholders
  - Maintenance of the map
- Harmonization of interfaces with producers/storage operators/LNG terminals
- Additional recommendations for implementation issues with existing EASEE-gas CBPs
  - Including implementation issues at the EU borders
- Development of an IT & Communications roadmap for the future
  - Including use of standards and protocols
- Provide input to EASEE-gas working groups