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**Views by Eurogas
on**

**Guidelines for Good Practice for Open
Season**



THE EUROPEAN UNION OF THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY

Eurogas welcomes ERGEG's action in preparing Guidelines for Good Practice for Open Season.

Eurogas submitted comments on the consultation draft.

Eurogas considers that the proposed Guidelines will be of value in clarifying a consistent approach on this important issue.

The preferred form for Eurogas for allocation of capacities on new investments is an “open season” or booking window, but different solutions may be appropriate depending on the circumstances and relevant market.

Therefore, Eurogas supports a wide application of open season. In principle, the market should be allowed to indicate its interest in all important projects.

In the case of investments that are partially on totally exempt from rTPA, it can be expected that the open season will apply only to that part of the project subject to TPA.

Eurogas made a number of detailed points on the consultation documents, including on the proposed process, the information requirements, the regulator's role, tariff transparency, and commercial confidentiality.

Eurogas hopes that these and other points will be taken into account in the final report.