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Views by Eurogas
on

Legislative Proposal – Update and
Institutional Progress
(Item 5)



THE EUROPEAN UNION OF THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY

Eurogas called for a number of improvements to the Third Package in order to

- Strengthen regional market development
- Introduce obligations on TSOs to co-operate in certain areas
- Define more closely the role envisaged for ENTSOG in drawing up codes on operational activities
- Delete reference to 'market codes' as this wording could relate to the commodity or commercial interests
- Strengthen the role of the Agency in developing technical codes
- Increase the involvement of system users in the process

These points are reflected in the ongoing work on the Package

In addition, we expressed

- Concern at the envisaged broad range of Guidelines to be developed under Comitology Process
- Called for amendments to Article 22 with particular reference to the proposed automatic lapsing of the exemption after a set period of years
- Expressed concern about the risk of publication of sensitive material in the record-keeping process
- and at the unclear boundaries implied between the powers of the regulators and national competition authorities

We have also seen these points taken up, with some definite improvements under discussion

We welcome that ERGEG is giving priorities to its work programme to drawing up descriptions of the eleven areas for technical codes and rules. Consultation with system users is essential.

We look forward to discussions with GTE+ on the setting up of ENTSOG, including on its plans for consultation procedures.

There must be clear rules to guarantee an open consultation and decision-making process, involving system users.

We call for a timely adoption of the Legislative Package
to ensure full realization of in the Internal Market