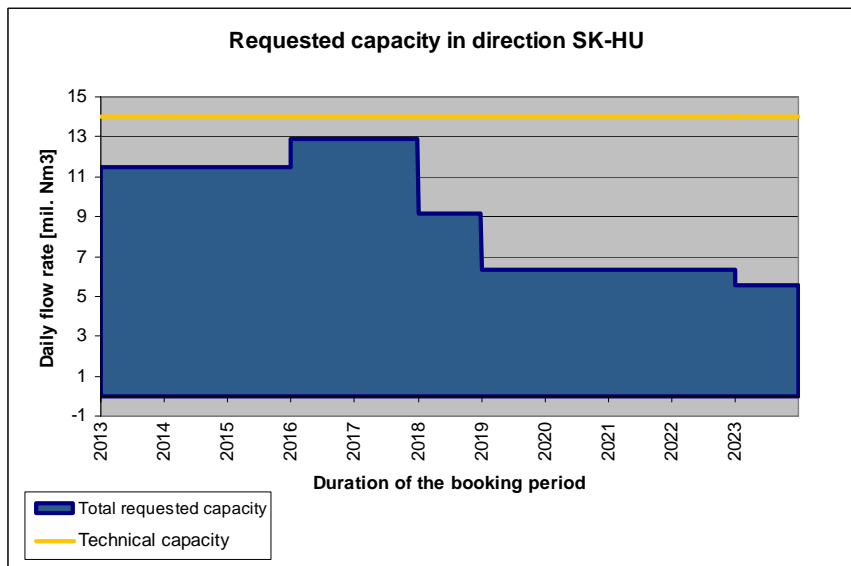


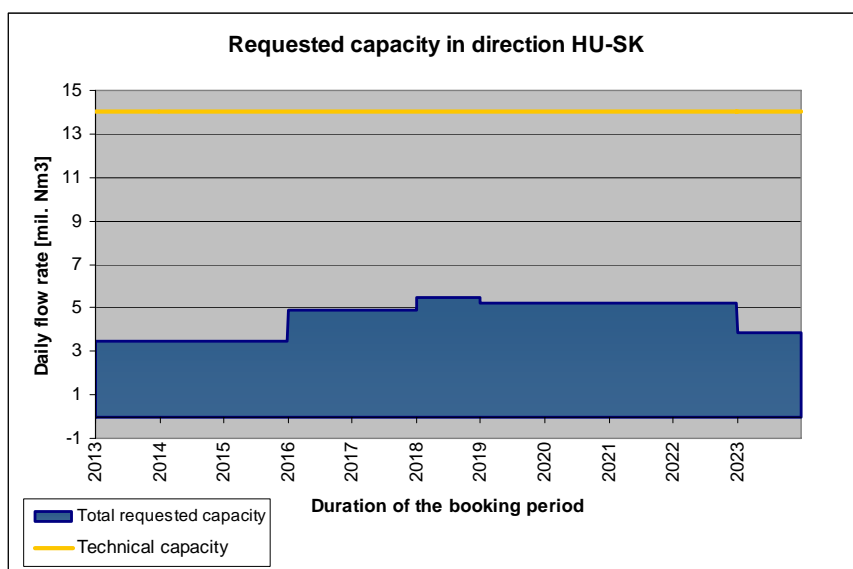


## Publication of the results of the non-binding phase of the Open Season

The purpose of the non-binding phase of the Open Season was to provide the market participants a platform to express their interest in capacity booking for the new interconnector pipeline. Eustream and FGSZ have carried out an evaluation of all capacity requests received from Open Season participants by 15 December 2009.

Eustream and FGSZ state that the non-binding phase of the Open season process has proved significant interest of the market participants. The number of the registered participants in this phase amounts to 15. The starting total daily capacity covered by non-binding requests is approximately 18 million Nm<sup>3</sup> (in direction from Slovakia towards Hungary approximately 13 million Nm<sup>3</sup> and 5 million Nm<sup>3</sup> in direction from Hungary towards Slovakia).





Eustream and FGSZ welcome the interest of the market and look forward to meeting and cooperating in the next, binding-phase of the Open Season.

### The next steps

On the basis of these data Eustream and FGSZ will now continue with preparation of the binding-phase of the Open Season. In the binding phase, all applicants that have registered in the non-binding phase or that will register to the binding phase exclusively, can submit binding bids for their requested capacity.

Eustream and FGSZ will publish information and instructions for the binding-phase of the Open Season on their respective websites ([www.eustream.sk](http://www.eustream.sk) and [www.fgsz.hu](http://www.fgsz.hu)). Eustream and FGSZ will keep informed about the development all applicants who have registered in the non-binding phase.

Preliminary timetable of the Binding phase of the Open Season:

	Initial date	
Binding phase	01/03/2010	Start of the registration process
	15/03/2010	Submission of questions
	30/03/2010	Information meeting
	30/04/2010	Submission of binding bids
	14/05/2010	Evaluation and allocation process, publication of the results
	18/06/2010	Conclusion of the long term transmission contracts