



Press Release

Transmission System Operators for Natural Gas of Central-Eastern Europe (CEE) publish their Gas Regional Investment Plan 2014-2023

(Brussels, 19 May 2014, PR 065-14) The Transmission System Operators (TSOs) of the CEE region are pleased to release the second edition of the Gas Regional Investment Plan (GRIP) which was prepared following the requirements of Article 12(1) of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009. The aim of the CEE GRIP is to provide a detailed insight into the natural gas infrastructure in the CEE region and it serves to promote transparency by delivering updated information on technical characteristics of infrastructure currently under operation and investments foreseen in the upcoming decade. Additionally, it is aimed at sharing information and in doing so providing further decision-making in the investment processes.

Furthermore, another goal of the CEE GRIP is to provide a focused view on security of supply and market integration on a regional level. For these purposes, demand, supply and capacity developments are assessed and current and future investment needs in the CEE region identified. The plan also endeavours to capture wider gas market dynamics by looking at various supply scenarios. The CEE GRIP 2014-2023 was jointly coordinated by the Polish TSO – GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. and the Austrian TSO – Baumgarten-Oberkappel-Gasleitung GmbH (BOG).

Edwin Kaufmann and Stefan Königshofer, Managing Directors of BOG GmbH said: *“With the CEE GRIP 2014-23, we provide an in depth analysis of the gas transmission network in Central-Eastern Europe, pointing out the high potential performance to deliver gas to the region and to serve as transit corridor for gas supplies for Western and Southern Europe. By implementing numerous improvements and considering stakeholder feedback on the 2012-21 edition, we put a valuable piece of information in the hand of the stakeholders in the gas market.”*



Rafał Wittmann, Development Division Director of GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. and ENTSG Board Member said: *"The CEE GRIP results from a fruitful cooperation between the TSOs in Central-Eastern Europe. We believe that the report will prove to be a valuable source of information to the stakeholders and it will support investment planning and execution in order to deliver a proper natural gas infrastructure in between the CEE countries, with a view to create a flexible and diversified regional market."*

The involved TSOs constantly seek to enhance value of the CEE GRIP to the stakeholders. All interested parties are kindly invited to comment on the report in the public consultation launched today and during a workshop organised by ENTSG in Vienna which is scheduled for 26 June 2014. Written comments to the CEE GRIP should be submitted by 13 June 2014 to the following email address: cee.grip@gaz-system.pl.

The CEE GRIP 2014-2023 with the Annexes can be downloaded from the ENTSG website ([link](#)) and the websites of the involved TSOs.

Editorial notes

The CEE region for this GRIP covers:

- 10 countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia.
- 18 TSOs: BOG GmbH, TAG GmbH, GAS CONNECT AUSTRIA GmbH (Austria), Bulgartranzgaz EAD (Bulgaria), Plinacro d.o.o. (Croatia), NET4GAS, s.r.o. (Czech Republic), Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, Gasunie Ostseeanbindungsleitung GmbH, GRTgaz Deutschland GmbH, ONTRAS Gastransport GmbH, Open Grid Europe GmbH, GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, terranets bw GmbH (Germany), FGSZ Ltd. (Hungary), GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. (Poland), Transgaz SA. (Romania), PLINOVODI d.o.o. (Slovenia), eustream, a.s. (Slovakia).