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Update on progress within the Gas Regional Initiative North West

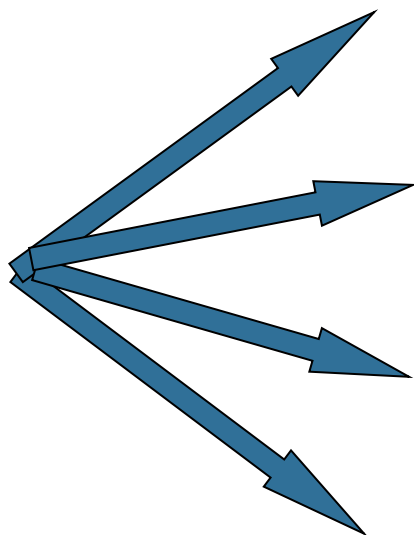
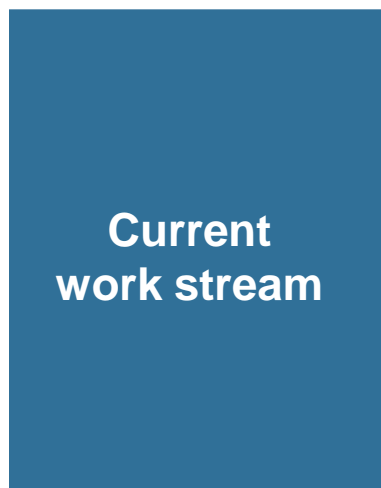
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Current work in progress within GRI NW in 2012

- Commitment has been achieved for the following work streams



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Transparency: Ensure full and consistent implementation of information provisions

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GRIP: Evaluation of the GRIP to ensure that it is `fit for purpose`

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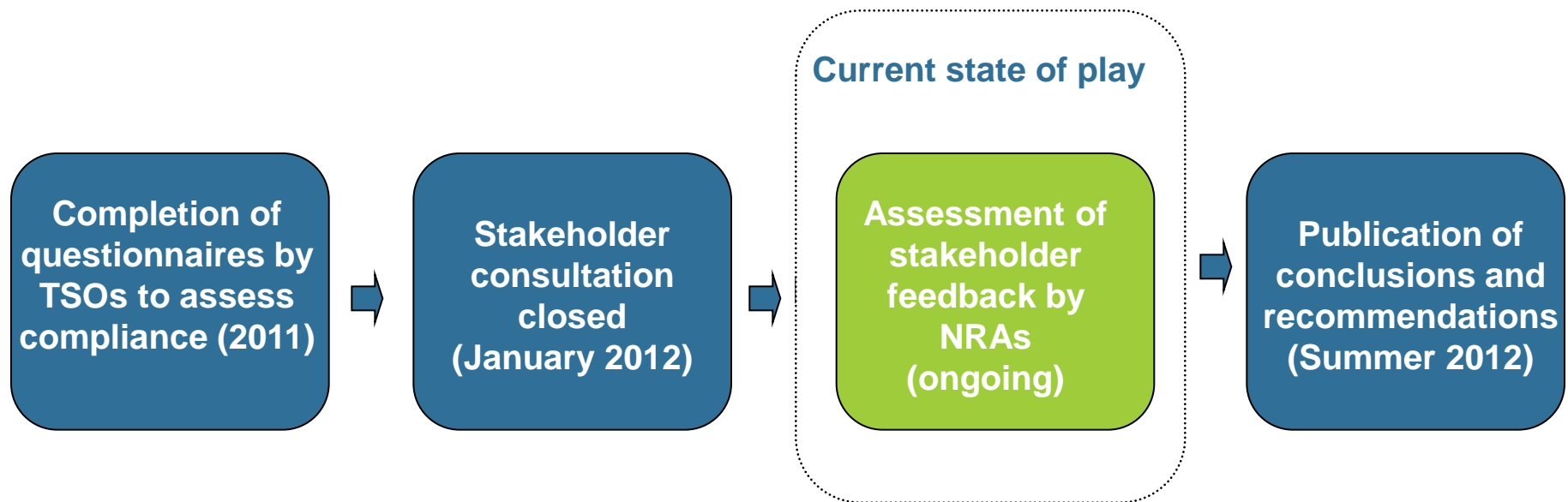
Investment: Monitoring open season and feeding lessons learned into GGPOS

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Pre-com meetings: Early understanding of FG/ NC to ensure efficient comitology

Transparency project: ensure full and consistent implementation of information provisions

- Project is a bit delayed due to resource constraints



Evaluation of GRIP: ensure that next GRIP is most 'fit for purpose' for stakeholders in the region

- RCC recommendations for enhancement will be discussed with TSOs (April 2012)



TSOs within region
have drafted
first GRIP (2011)



GRIP presented during
SG meeting (end 2011) and
consultation started
(1 response received)



Initial NRA thoughts:

- Improve interaction stakeholders
- More infrastructure-based analysis
- Better understanding CB-congestions

Investment project: monitoring open season and feeding lessons learned into GGPOS

- Drafting lessons learned delayed as binding phase is currently adjusted

- Open Season to increase firm capacity from France to Luxembourg
- Coordinated process between the TSOs and the regulators
- Two possible scenarios: 9 GWh/d or 40 GWh/d available in 2018
- Non binding phase launched at the 8th SG meeting (26 November 2010) – ended 31 January 2011
- Current adjustments to the binding phase (to be launched in 2012)

Pre-comitology meetings: create early understanding of FGL/NC to ensure efficient comitology

- Two meetings (Bonn and Rotterdam) in 2011 have proven added value of project



- NRAs have explained the principles in the Framework Guidelines and GTM;
- TSOs have explained the design choices in the network code for CAM
- European Commission has explained ratio and elements of CMP guideline

An open dialogue between MS, TSOs, NRAs, EC...



...have already led to better understanding towards positions on FGLs/ NCs...



... and should result in more efficient comitology process

SG meeting (November 2011) in Rotterdam: potential projects for the region discussed

Booking platform CAM



- Stakeholders welcomed the idea of creating a regional booking platform, several TSO recognized added value

Early implementation



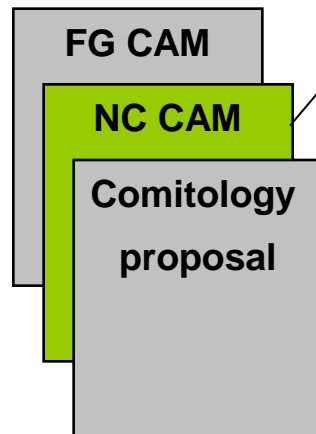
- Stakeholders recognized advantages, concerns regarding possible significant late changes to NC requiring adjustments

Implicit allocation



- First results from pilot in France on implicit allocation presented, further discussion welcomed

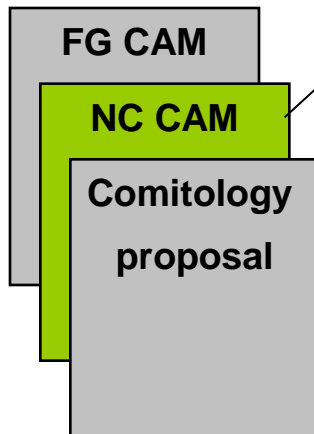
NC CAM: early implementation of the NC CAM will take place through a pilot project



Pilot to implement NC CAM

- Auctioning bundled products on one IP between NL – GER (Q2 2012)
- Role out other IPs Q2 2013

NC CAM: creation of one regional booking platform is currently being discussed within GRI NW



Regional booking platform for CAM

- Within NW region, several booking platforms have been initiated over the years (TRAC-X, Capsquare, Link-4-hubs, GATRAC)
- Stakeholders encouraged TSOs to integrate booking platforms into a regional platform
- TSOs response was constructive and recognized added value of such a platform

Gas Target Model: possible role of GRI NW in implementing the model is currently being discussed

- First ideas regarding role of GRI NW has been discussed in IG meeting (March 2012)

Assessment of market liquidity

- Assessment of market liquidity to be done on national level
- Present and discuss state of play of market liquidity in SG
- Discuss options (measures) how e.g. to improve liquidity

Exploring implicit allocation

- NMa commissioned study into feasibility implicit allocation
- Possibility for regional (RCC) position currently explored
- Involvement market participants essential (e.g. via workshops)

Lessons learned in GRI NW towards regional success

Conditions for success (give current role of GRI)

1. **Resource constraints: choose limited and achievable projects with visible contribution towards 2014**
2. **Buy-In: requires full “sign off” for project from relevant stakeholders, especially TSOs (Voluntary process)**
3. **Active (Political) Support: from Member States, EC and ACER**
4. **Early implementation requires level of confidence in stability draft NCs**
5. **Regions should have room for projects with regional specificities**

Thank you for your attention!



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