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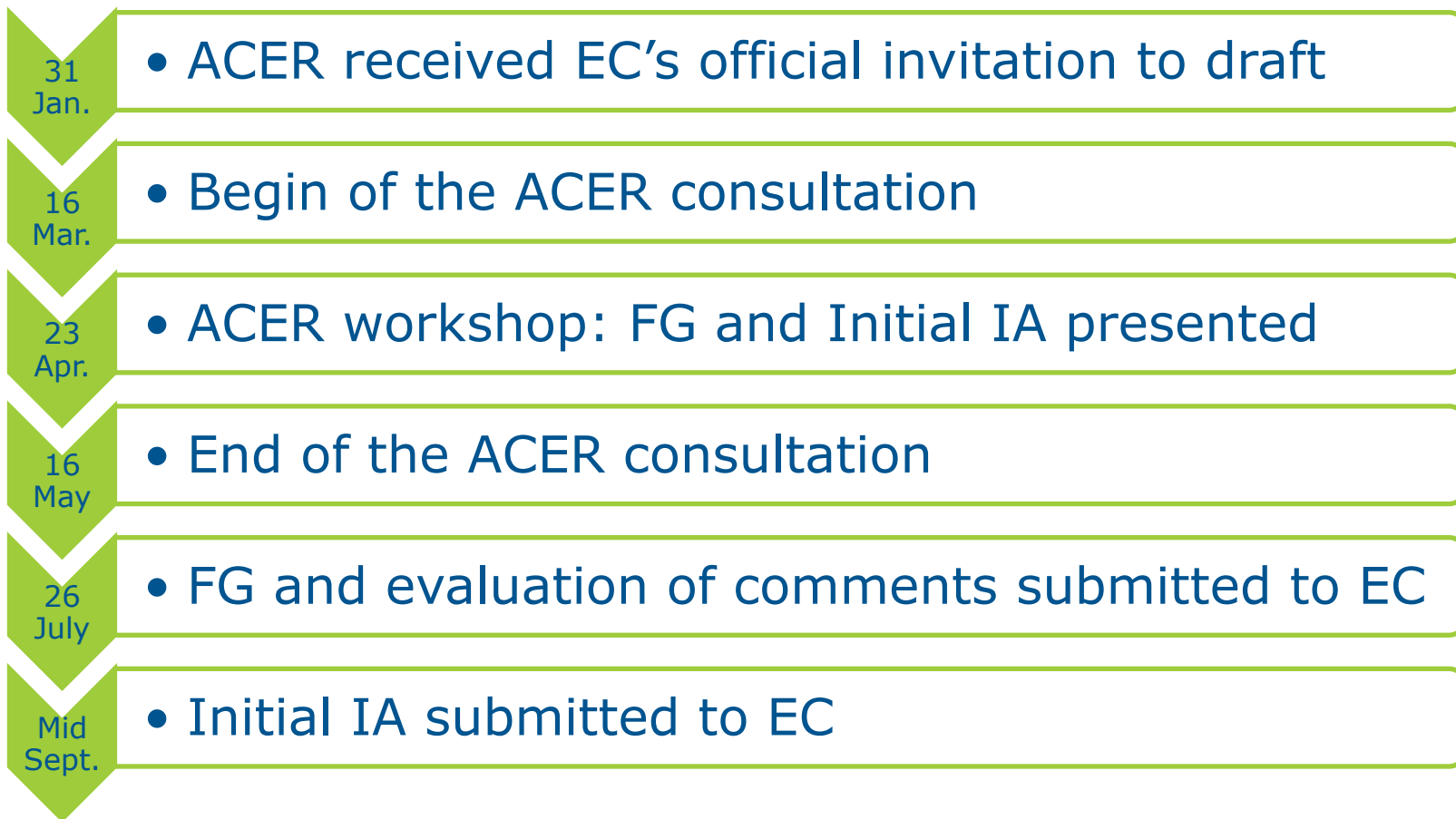
Framework Guidelines on Interoperability and Data Exchange Rules for European Gas Transmission Networks

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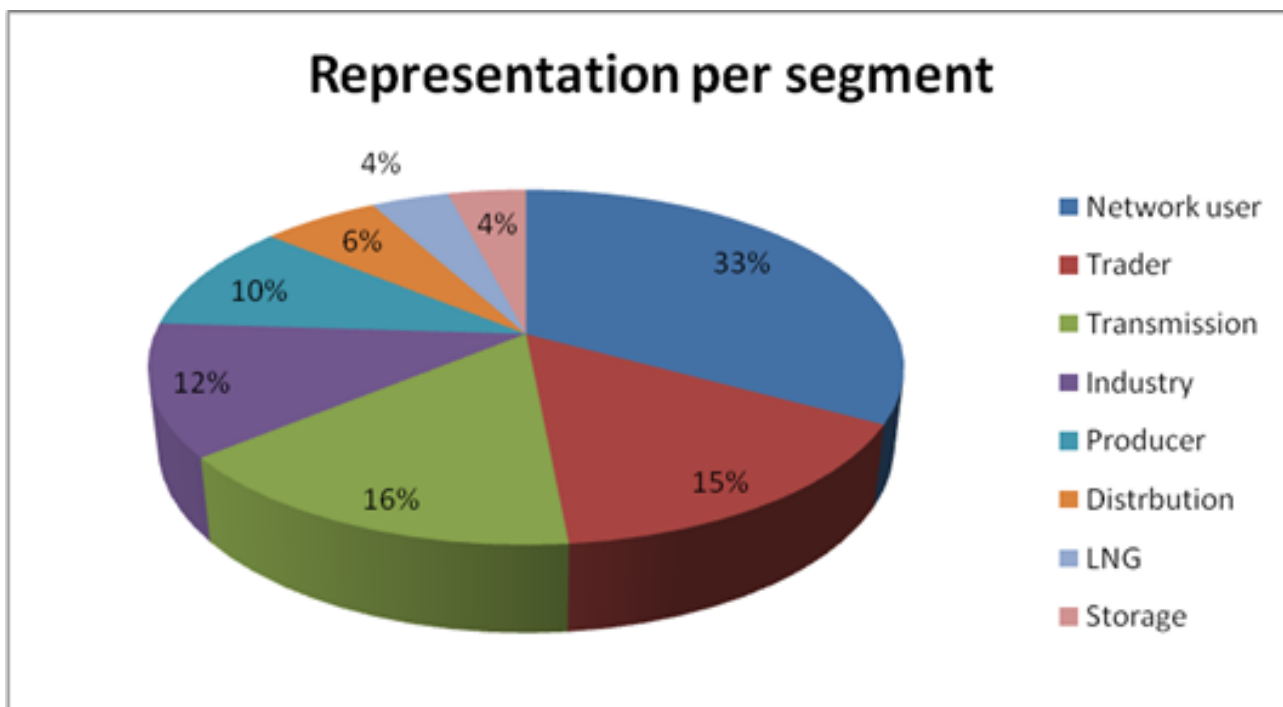
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Milestones of the FG process 2012



Outcome of the Public Consultation (1/2)

- Interest of the market for the issue illustrated by a good level of participation: a total of 34 responses, 12 of which were provided by European associations.



Good support from stakeholders:

- **Interconnection Agreements:**
 - 16 out of 27 respondents support the introduction of a common template.
 - 22 out of 25 answers in favour of a dispute settlement procedure.
- **Units:** 27 out of 29 respondents express a need for harmonisation.
- **Gas Quality:** 19 out of 33 respondents assess positive the proposal.
- **Odourisation:** 26 out of 30 respondents agree that there is an issue with odourisation and support the shift towards non-odorised gas.
- **Data Exchange:** 16 out of 24 respondents agree on the benefit to be gained from harmonisation of data exchange.
- **Capacity Calculation:** 13 out of 25 respondents reacted positively to the policy proposal.

Set of Policy options (1/2)

- **Interconnection Agreements**

While the bilateral setting of interoperability principles is favoured, the imposition of default rules in addition to a specific dispute settlement procedure will preclude protracted negotiations between parties.

- **Units**

Harmonisation of units for energy, volume, pressure and GCV is in the prolongation of the work lead by EASEEgas, to the benefit of system users.

- **Gas Quality**

A close monitoring of the issue, combined with enhanced TSO cooperation and transparency will address at best the concerns over locally observed issues and their possible European wide evolution.

Set of Policy options (2/2)

- **Odourisation**

Harmonisation is the solution to a bilateral issue resulting in a clear barrier to cross-border trade, with cross-regional consequences.

- **Data Exchange**

Harmonisation is necessary to allow system users to overcome the difficulties they are currently facing in relation to the lack of harmonisation currently observed regarding data exchange practices. The most feasible approach to harmonisation is to address format at first.

- **Capacity Calculation**

Harmonisation should come as an answer to the observed lack of transparency and cross-border cooperation over observed discrepancies in the capacity offered.

Since the 21th Madrid Forum:

➤ On-going discussions (expert groups, workshop, task forces) led to a joint finalisation of the FG text, but also to an Initial Impact Assessment document.

➤ ACER finalised the discussions around the regulatory problems:

- Definition of policy measures proportionate to the earlier identified regulatory problems;
- The analysis, conducted during the whole process and leading to such policy measures, is synthesised in the Initial Impact Assessment.

➤ The Initial Impact Assessment is to be further completed by ENTSOG, by addressing a set of 8 questions.

Thank you for your attention!



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