

TAP's response to ERGEG - Regional initiative Status Review consultation

Investment in new infrastructure

A.2. Do you consider that Gas Regional Initiative (GRI) projects have effectively contributed to cross-border investment processes? What kind of improvements would you expect?

TAP welcomes the ERGEG Regional Initiatives as we believe that it will enhance the processes of harmonization of regulatory arrangements across borders and interoperability of the transmission systems. Consistency and coherence across borders are the main preconditions for implementation of much needed cross-border projects and for fulfilling the TEN-principles for competition and security of supply, and can only be achieved by close and target-oriented cooperation of all involved parties.

TAP has seen that the initiatives by ERGEG have shown positive steps and welcomes the openness being created in the EU marketplace. For example, we have seen developments with the regulators providing more details on Open Season procedures relative to interconnectors which require access to a national network. This as other activities show an improvement in transparency and cooperation between the regulator and industry which is excellent and in our view helps the market grow.

Capacity allocation and congestion management

A.4. Would there be real benefits if, at this stage, the GRI tried to seek better coordination at a cross regional level? How do you value the experience acquired with the capacity projects in the regions? What type of projects should be developed in the future?

Implementation of consistent congestion management mechanisms through cooperation of the adjacent TSOs would lead to more efficient use of existing capacity, would pinpoint existing or potential bottlenecks, and will identify the demand for capacity.

Transparency

A.6. How could this work help to ensure that the requirements of the 3rd Package are met in a consistent way across the three gas regions?

Timely and coordinated transposition and implementation of the 3rd Package into national legislation through exchanging of experiences across borders is of

crucial importance for the further development of the gas markets towards an integrated European gas market.

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Dear Madam/Sir,

Thank you for giving us opportunity to take part in the consultation on the ERGEG - Regional initiative Status Review consultation.
We are hereby pleased to send you our response.

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