

Gas System  
Operator

# EU Update

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# Amendment to the Gas Directive

## Background

*Extend the application of the EU's gas market rules to pipelines to and from third countries*

- Objective is to ensure EU internal gas market rules apply to gas transmission pipelines between a member state and a third country, up to the border of the member state's territory and territorial sea.
- 12 Feb 2019 - final trilogue, provisional agreement reached
- Defines interconnector, applicability of codes and rules for derogation for pipelines
- Driven by Nordstream 2 but may impact other interconnecting pipelines when UK leaves EU (IUK, BBL).
- Might be agreed by May – June 2019 with 9 months to transpose
- Assessment underway within ENTSOG on consequences for TSOs in terms of interoperability, transparency and application of EU Codes
- [https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/com-2017-660\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/com-2017-660_en)

# Gas Network Codes Functionality Platform (FUNC)

## **FUNC Platform allows notification of issues concerning Gas Network Codes**

### *Article 29 reserve prices, update on discussion with EFET*

- EFET has concerns over inconsistencies over publication of reserve prices
- ACER see no significant problems with Art. 29 publication other than language and user-friendliness
- ACER reviewed issues identified by EFET where the NRA have responsibility for publication – issues mainly resolved
- Generally language issues
- ACER believe the consultation process will further smooth out any publication issues
- ENTSOG/ACER meeting to discuss ways to improve future Art. 29 and 30 publication postponed until late March (exact date tbc)
- <http://www.gasncfunc.eu/>

# EU Events

- **ENTSOG'S TYNDP PRESENTATION DAY FOR DRAFT TEN YEAR NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TYNDP) 2018**
- ENTSOG has launched the public consultation of the draft TYNDP 2018 which assesses the European supply adequacy and the resilience of the gas system over the next twenty years.
- Public consultation on the document will close on 29 March 2019
- **TYNDP presentation day on 21 March 2019**
  - <https://www.entsog.eu/entsogs-tyndp-presentation-day-draft-ten-year-network-development-plan-tyndp-2018#>

# Agency Analysis on the national tariff consultation documents

## TAR NC Consultation Requirements

- Article 26 requires industry consultation on proposed charging regime
- The consultation process should be finalised by 31 May 2019 as per Article 27(5).
- This requires ACER to respond to each consultation
- See:  
[http://www.acer.europa.eu/en/Gas/Framework%20guidelines and network%20codes/Pages/Harmonised-transmission-tariff-structures.aspx](http://www.acer.europa.eu/en/Gas/Framework%20guidelines%20and%20network%20codes/Pages/Harmonised-transmission-tariff-structures.aspx)
- The NRA can then deliver its final “motivated decision”
- To date, there have been 21 consultations (GB process has been included in this list)
- Acer has responded to 13
- NRAs have delivered their final motivated decisions on 3 consultations
- These are Northern Ireland, Sweden & The Netherlands
- Northern Ireland has chosen to maintain proposed methodology despite ACER’s criticisms
- In general, ACER has been critical of all consultations for lack of justification in certain proposals, and some proposals have been deemed to be non-compliant

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1. The Netherlands (closed): [National Consultation](#) | [Template](#) | [ACER Report](#) | [NRA motivated decision](#)
2. Sweden (closed): [National Consultation](#) | [Template](#) | [ACER Report](#) | [NRA motivated decision](#)
3. Northern Ireland (closed): [National Consultation](#) | [Template](#) | [ACER Report](#) | [NRA motivated decision](#)
4. Romania (closed): [National Consultation](#) | [ACER Report](#)
5. Denmark (closed): [National Consultation](#) | [ACER Report](#)
6. Portugal (closed): [National Consultation](#) | [Template](#) | [ACER Report](#)
7. Slovenia (closed): [National Consultation](#) | [Template](#) | [ACER Report](#)
8. Poland (closed): [National Consultation](#) | [Template](#) | [ACER Report](#)
9. Poland West Europe transit gas pipeline (closed): [National Consultation](#) | [Template](#) | [ACER Report](#)
10. IUK (closed): [Consultation](#) | [ACER Report](#)
11. Belgium (closed): [National Consultation](#) | [Template](#) | [ACER Report](#)
12. Greece (closed): [National Consultation](#) | [Template](#)
13. Germany (closed): [National Consultation](#) | [ACER Report](#)
14. Italy (closed): [National Consultation](#) | [ACER Report](#)

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- 15. The Czech Republic (closed): [National Consultation](#)
- 16. Slovakia (closed): [National Consultation](#) | [Template](#)
- 17. Hungary (closing date 15 January 2019): [National Consultation](#) | [Template](#)
- 18. Ireland (closing date 11 February 2019): [National Consultation](#) | [Template](#)
- 19. Croatia (closing date 18 February 2019): [National Consultation](#) | [Template](#)
- 20. Great Britain: [NRA Decision \(20 December 2018\)](#)**
- 21. Austria (closing date 31 March 2019): [National Consultation](#) | [Template](#)

# Update on Wobbe Index Harmonisation

## Potential proposal for the EU Gas Quality standard:

- EU-wide system entry range based on measured data
- Classification of exit points:
  - Class A: points where WI range is always between e.g. 49 to 52.7 MJ/m<sup>3</sup> and WI varies not more than 0.5MJ/m<sup>3</sup>/min.
  - Class B: points where range width is limited to e.g. 3.7 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>
  - Class C: points where range width is limited to e.g. 5.7 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>
  - Class D: points that could receive a wider range still

## Additional measures

- For class C and D points, the presence of sensitive users should be assessed. End user adaption, gas grid management or gas treatments could be considered as potential solutions under NRA approval

CEN is also investigating the influence of hydrogen on Wobbe Index

- A narrow WI range limits the ability to inject hydrogen

## How the standard will be applied / enforced is still not settled



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