

**Gas System
Operator**

EU Update

Transmission Workgroup

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Interoperability Update: EU Data Exchange

Equinor raised an issue on the Functionality Platform:

EU capacity booking platforms (such as PRISMA, GazSystem, RBP) as well as some TSOs use different interfaces and data exchange solutions for CAM/CMP capacity trading processes.

Current EU Code obligation is for ‘interactive’ data exchange (i.e. a web portal) for capacity trading processes

Equinor recommend changing to a ‘document-based’ solution using Edigas-XML format

ENTSOG and ACER have assessed the issue as valid for the FUNC process, of EU-wide relevance

The first stakeholder meeting was held on 24th September 2019

Feedback from the meeting

Equinor presented the case for change:

EU shippers currently manage multiple interfaces and standards with platform operators to book their capacities, including Edigas XML, Proprietary format, via protocols AS2/4, https, SOAP (web services).

Standardisation to Edigas would:

- Reduce shipper operating costs due to greater automation
- Avoid logging into a web portal to book capacity which is time consuming
- Reduce the risk of manual errors
- Facilitate easier tracking of capacity bookings, reducing risk of nomination penalties
- Facilitate competition among platform operators

Feedback from the meeting

Platform operators summarised the data exchange solutions they currently have in place

Some operators were concerned that mandated use of Edigas might constrain their service offering, e.g. PRISMA use their own XML format which allows new services to be introduced quickly

Possible to implement Edigas for the CAM/CMP processes but not others, e.g. downloading auction results, therefore multiple standards would still be needed

Some felt that AS4 is costly, has a slow time to market for new interfaces/features and people with skills to develop and maintain it are scarce

Next step: Public consultation later in 2019

Markets Area Update

ENTSOG will be gathering information from TSOs shortly to enable the production of implementation monitoring reports for submission to ACER for the Balancing, Tariffs and CAM EU Codes

Biennial Demand Assessment Reports are being prepared by TSOs for submission to ENTSOG (Art 26 of CAM Code)