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Framework Guidelines on Interoperability Rules for European Gas Transmission Networks

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AGENDA

- Introduction
 - Steps taken since the 20th Madrid Forum
 - FG and Problem identification
- State of Play
- Planning

On-going discussions since the 21th Madrid Forum:

- Next to the development of the FG text, ACER decided to integrate the Assessment of Impacts into the FG process (problem inventory has been built up);
- Two Ad Hoc Expert Group meetings helped orientation of the debate;
- Six issues were identified (since scoping exercise in 2011)
 - Decision taken in January 2012 to treat “Nominations” in NC Balancing;

- Since last Madrid Forum, ACER deepened the discussions around the regulatory problems:
 - identified the regulatory problems, which require policy measures;
 - ensured that the FG is the relevant tool to address those issues.

Problem Identification (*)

A regulatory problem in a FG should:

- be specific enough to allow to establish the link between the remedies and the problem;
- require urgent solution, or happens along an identified timeline, as opposed to a problem that could only potentially occur (the latter to be tackled when it occurs -> amendment process);
- should affect market players on a broad scale;
- Should occur at EU level, and not at regional level.

* See page 21 of the impact assessment guidelines

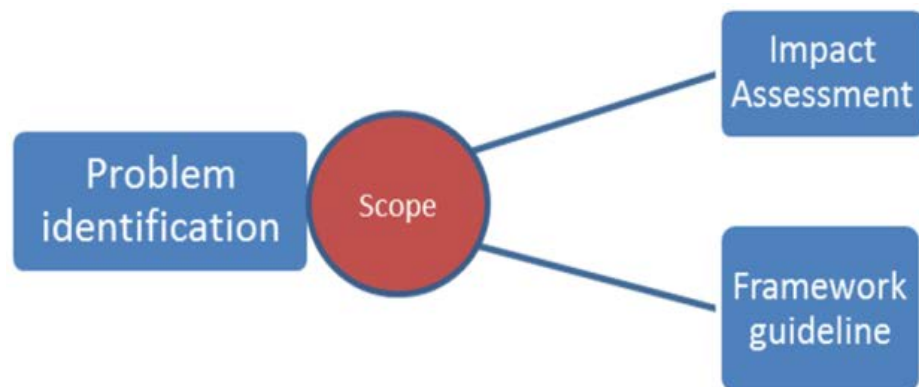
Issues identified by FG chapters:

- **Interconnection Agreements:** supported by stakeholders, to be seen as basic tool for TSO cooperation;
- **Capacity Calculation:** need for stronger TSO cooperation and transparency identified to reduce discrepancies and ensure full potential for maximisation is used with regard to capacity offered at each side of an IP;
- **Data Exchange:** not to be transferred to another FG, but to focus on in this FG on protocols, safety, format of messages (i.e. "how" to communicate).
- **Units:** consistency supported as set in other legislative documents;
- **Gas Quality & Odourisation:** to the extent that creates barriers to trade on IPs;

Detail of the debate: "gas quality"

- Differences in gas quality specifications at either side of an IP exist (Wobbe, ...): an issue of local scale, for the time being;
- To be differentiated from the CEN process;
 - The FG will not make reference to an EC standard, which is not yet agreed by CEN;
- **Baseline scenario:** expected evolution of flow/quality fluctuations to be followed up, as **contractually imposed on network users**, but to be facilitated **by the TSOs** as well;
- **Question:** "To what extent the management of **gas quality differences** by network users could it become a problem and hamper the good functioning of the market?"

Overall process



- Consultation on draft Framework Guidelines:
 - Views and inputs from Stakeholders on the Policies proposed by the FG;
 - Collect further evidence to underpin Impact Assessment.

Milestones of the process



Thank you for your attention!



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