

## CEER and GLE's collaboration results in a new transparency tool for improving access to European LNG terminals

The LNG Terminals Transparency Template tool<sup>i</sup>, launched this week at the European Gas Regulatory Forum (Madrid Forum<sup>ii</sup>), will serve to facilitate, structure, and spread the information on existing requirements and access conditions to LNG terminals.

In a 2011 study on congestion management procedures & anti-hoarding mechanisms in the European LNG terminals<sup>iii</sup>, the European Energy Regulators concluded that there were still areas for improvements to be made to facilitate access to European LNG terminals.

While LNG System Operators (LSOs) tend to publish the right level of information on their websites, the information needed by shippers in order to book capacity is not always easily accessible or understandable enough and this might hinder, in particular, the access of newcomers to LNG terminals. The study called for further efforts to improve transparency on LNG terminals access conditions.

In particular, CEER<sup>iv</sup> recommended that a common template be developed that each LSO can publish on its website that would further promote transparent access to European LNG terminals. To this end, CEER has collaborated with Gas LNG Europe (GLE) to develop a tool, the "Transparency Template" which GLE launched this week.

Welcoming GLE's efforts in the development of the LNG transparency template, CEER Vice President, Walter Boltz said

*"GLE's Transparency Template should make the already existing information even more accessible to the market. Regulators strongly encourage all LNG terminals to now implement this tool".*

GLE has committed, on a voluntary basis, to implement this new transparency tool by summer 2012.

CEER will continue to collaborate both with GLE and with terminal users to enhance access to terminals, improving if necessary the transparency template, but also working together on other areas such as congestion management procedures.

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## Notes for Editors:

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- <sup>i</sup> The [GLE Transparency Template](#) will be installed on each LSO website.
- <sup>ii</sup> The 21<sup>st</sup> European Gas Regulatory Forum (Madrid Forum) took place from 22-23 March 2012.
- <sup>iii</sup> See the [EREG study on congestion management procedures & anti-hoarding mechanisms in the European LNG terminals](#) (Ref. E10-LNG-11-03b, 12 April 2011). The study focuses on the current Congestion Management Procedures and anti-hoarding mechanisms in Europe, with a special focus on the need for harmonisation and transparency at the EU level.
- <sup>iv</sup> The Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) is the voice of Europe's national regulators of electricity and gas at EU and international level. CEER works closely with, and supports the work of, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER). See [www.energy-regulators.eu](http://www.energy-regulators.eu).