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Impact analysis and INT NC amendment project plan Workshop on Interoperability Network Code regarding Gas Quality

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> Letter from EC to ENTSOG

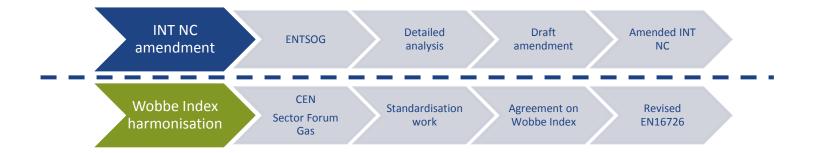
- Approval of CEN standard, though without Wobbe Index, is an important step.
- EC foresees making it binding by including it in the Interoperability NC.
- EC invites ENTSOG to:
 - Prepare a detailed analysis of the gas value chain on the impacts and issues
 - Submit to ACER a proposal to amend the NC by 30 June 2017
- Implementation timing and scope as substantive elements
- A broad involvement of stakeholders is crucial

> Response from ENTSOG to EC

- ENTSOG appreciates the invitation to lead the process
- The importance of stakeholder input is acknoledged, especially outside TSOs' fields of expertise.







- > The INT NC amendment process is related to CEN EN16726:2015 standard, which does not include Wobbe Index.
- In parallel EC has invited CEN to carry out complementary standardization work in pursue of an agreement on Wobbe Index.
- > The two processes run independently.
- > When CEN process delivers a new version of the standard, it will not become automatically binding, as the reference to the standard in the INT NC is not dynamic.
- > At that point in time, a second amendment process of the INT NC might take place.

Inclusive process for all identified stakeholders



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Overall principles for discussion during WS



- > Values of the standard shall not be questioned
- > Wobbe Index discussion should be kept aside
- > Think of the standard as a tool to remove barriers without creating new ones
- > The workshop is open to all stakeholders also for making presentations.
- > From ENTSOG side nothing has been decided and every option will be considered
- > As requested by EC, the analysis will cover the whole gas value chain for which stakeholder input is fundamental
- > An early proposal of policy issues is needed to enable a proper impact analysis
- > If there is no clarity on the policy issues then different scenarios should be assessed
- > The list of issues and scenarios is, of course, open to further suggestions from stakeholders.

Phase I and II of the amendment process



Phase I: Public consultation on impacts and issues

- > 22nd March 2016: public workshop on the list of issues
- > 2016: Apr-Jun: public consultation on the impact of the standard
- > 2016 30 June: Deadline for receiving stakeholders' analyses

Phase II: Work on impact analysis and amendment draft

- > 2016 Jul-Dec: Prepare draft of impact analysis
- > 2016 Sep: Public workshop for presenting early findings
- > 2016 Oct-Dec: Preparation of amendment draft in line with the detailed analysis

Phase III: Public consultation on the draft and submission

- > 2017 Jan-Feb: Public consultation on impact analysis and revised amendment draft
- > 2017 Jun: Publication and submission
- > ACER and EC are involved along the process via trilateral meetings.

Phase III and IV of the amendment process



Phase IV: After submission of the draft to ACER:

- > ACER provides a reasoned opinion (second half of 2017),
- > ACER conducts its own stakeholder consultation in late 2017 or 2018
- > ACER leads the process after consultation up to comitology
- > ENTSOG is available to provide any necessary support



Thank You for Your Attention

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