



EU-Russia GAC WS2 Meeting – Legacy transport contracts

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Gas transport - moving from old to new world; also in CEE/SEE!

Key principles of EU gas transport framework

- *Gas Directive and Regulation as well as Network Codes have created a legal framework in the EU that*
 - *is based on effectively unbundled TSOs operating networks;*
 - *is offering capacity in a non-discriminatory manner to network users and is freeing up unused capacity*
 - *allows TSOs charging regulated tariffs for their (regulated) services*
- *Crucially, subject to the above being implemented, legislation allows gas deliveries across MSs (transit)*

Key remaining transport bottleneck is Trans-Balkan

State of play of interconnection agreements

- *Interconnection Agreements (IAs) under preparation by TSOs on EL-BG, RO-BG and RO-UA border allowing those interconnection points to become bookable and ensuring that EU access rules can apply (EL-BG and RO-BG are the last intra-EU points necessitating such change) but Energy Community Contracting Parties are also introducing EU internal gas market rules*
- *Process on-going for several years – EC participation since April 2015 – time to put an end to it!*
- ***Deadline for IAs as per Interoperability Network Code 1 May 2016***
- *Given legacy contractual framework (including IGA in BG) Gazprom/Russia needs to cooperate to allow for those rules to be implemented*
- *Gazprom interests relative to its access to capacity, gas quality etc. are being considered!*