

Meeting report

Date: 22 April 2022
Place: Microsoft Teams
Participants: DG ENER: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Enagas: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: Preparatory meeting for the technical meeting of the High-Level Group for Interconnections in South-West Europe
Main points of Enagas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Explained on-going coordination with TSOs in France and Portugal on the development of hydrogen ready projects in medium term; the projects discussed are no longer STEP/MidCat but considered as new infrastructure projects to deliver firm capacity;- Expressed concerns on ENTSOG assessment for summer outlook: a) it assumed that there are no flows between Algeria and Spain although Algeria will increase output capacity hence there will be flows from Algeria; b) cross border capacity from Spain to France has been fully used in past days which is not reflected in ENTSOG assessment even under the assumption of supply disruptions.
Commission's reaction: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Provides an overview of on-going REPowerEU assessment by ENTSOG which includes PCIs but also on-going developments of LNG terminals in Northern Europe to identify potential gas infrastructure bottlenecks in the EU; the results will be presented to the High-Level Group for Interconnections in South-West Europe;- Explains that ENTSOG assessment on potential additional gas infrastructure needs (mid-term perspective) is different from ENTSOG work on summer outlook (short-term perspective).