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EASEE-gas and ENTSOG conclude agreement on the development of data exchange messages

(Brussels, 19 June 2015) A co-operation agreement between EASEE-gas (European Association for the Streamlining of Energy Exchange – gas) and ENTSOG (European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas) was signed on 11 June in Brussels, Belgium, by Rudy Van Beurden (Chairman of EASEE-gas) and Stephan Kamphues (President of ENTSOG).

The agreement provides a clear and more efficient framework for both parties to work together on the development of the EDIG@S messages for data exchange.

Created almost three decades ago, the EASEE-gas's EDIG@S messages have become the common tool used in the exchange of commercial information between traders and shippers, TSOs, DSOs and producers involved in the European gas supply chain. The Network Code for Interoperability and Data Exchange Rules (Regulation (EU) No 703/2015) published earlier this year refers to EDIG@S as the common data exchange solution for both 'document based' and 'integrated' data exchanges.

The agreement concluded last week builds on the successful partnership between both associations which started in 2012 when they signed a Letter of Understanding. ENTSOG and EASEE-gas have now a better framework to proceed with the work on the development of data exchange requirements, as deemed necessary for the implementation of the Network Codes or any other provision arising from the Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks.

Following the signing of the agreement, EASEE-gas Chair, Rudy Van Beurden stated: "EASEE-gas is very pleased with the conclusion of this co-operation agreement which will certainly enhance the work we do to harmonise the gas trading and transport across gas transmission systems in the European Union."

Stephan Kamphues, President of ENTSOG, also welcomed the agreement: "ENTSOG is happy to continue the fruitful cooperation with EASEE-gas and is confident that it will be a further step towards the harmonisation of data exchange."

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Editorial notes

About EASEE-gas:

EASEE-gas (European Association for the Streamlining of Energy Exchange - gas) was set up in 2002 in order to develop and promote business practices to simplify and streamline both physical gas transfer and trading across Europe. EASEE-gas presently has 95 full members (companies active in the European gas market) and 30 associate members (industry associations, regulators, government agencies, etc). For more information, please visit www.easee-gas.eu.

About ENTSOG:

ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009. The current number of Members, Associated Partners and Observers can be found [at this link](#). In line with Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG has the task of formulating network codes in a number of areas and of adopting various communications: a non-binding community-wide Ten-Year Network Development Plan on biennial basis; Winter and Summer Supply Outlooks; common network operation tools; recommendations relating to the coordination of technical cooperation between community and third-country-TSOs; annual work programmes and annual reports.