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PRISMA European Capacity Platform to start cross-border transport capacity auctions

- **More than 250 shippers already registered on the platform**
- **European Capacity Platform to be launched on 1 April 2013**
- **Polish TSO Gaz-System to offer bundled quarterly capacity at Lasow on PRISMA**

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Nineteen major Transmission System Operators (TSOs) from seven European countries have announced the launch of the new PRISMA European Capacity Platform on 1 April 2013 at the FLAME conference today. From that day, day-ahead capacity at various European interconnection points will be offered through the platform. The first monthly auctions will take place on 15 April 2013. The announcement of the TSOs comes less than a year after signing a Memorandum of Understanding at last year's Flame Conference. The auctioning of the cross-border transport capacity complies with ENTSOG's Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms (NC CAM), the future market rules for allocating transport capacity.

Philip Lowe, Director General for Energy of the European Commission: "The creation of the PRISMA joint capacity platform is a major step towards creating the EU internal gas market. It proves that when European network operators work closely together towards a joint goal and bundle their experience, the involved partners can succeed in implementing the future European market rules already two years ahead of its time."

Over the past months the cooperating TSOs have worked closely together to create a joint platform. As an initial step, 19 TSOs from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands became shareholders of PRISMA European Capacity Platform GmbH on 1 January 2013. Today, more than 250 European shippers with around 600 users are registered to PRISMA primary.

Moreover, and as a further step towards an integrated European gas market the current PRISMA partners welcomed the Polish TSO Gaz-System to PRISMA, who have agreed to implement a pilot project for providing bundled capacity at the Polish-German interconnection point Lasow on the PRISMA platform. Thus, quarterly capacity of the two TSOs Gaz-System and ONTRAS is expected to be auctioned at Lasow from mid 2013.



With the foundation of PRISMA on 1 January 2013, major European TSOs from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, France, Italy and the Netherlands have bundled their collective experience in the field of capacity booking platforms in order to create a joint European capacity platform.

The goal of the new European Platform, which will be launched on 1 April 2013, is the early implementation of ENTSOG's Network Code on Capacity Allocation Mechanisms, the future market rules for allocating transport capacity. The platform will be able to handle harmonized capacity products and offer auction mechanisms as described in the ENTSOG CAM Network Code.

The new European platform will be a major step towards an integrated European gas market linking the gas markets of seven different countries in the core of Europe. Thus, it opens new possibilities for cross-border gas transport to shippers, who will then be able to book capacities at European network points through one single platform. The platform will be able to handle different capacity products, offer auction mechanisms and serve different TSO backend systems. The platform will also have a secondary market function.

In addition, PRISMA will focus on making the booking experience for each user even easier with state-of-the-art technology and enhanced service capacity.

The new PRISMA European Capacity Platform will be based on the experience of the operation of three existing platforms in Europe: Capsquare, Link4Hubs as well as the former TRAC-X primary platform.



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