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# Flexibility in European gas markets

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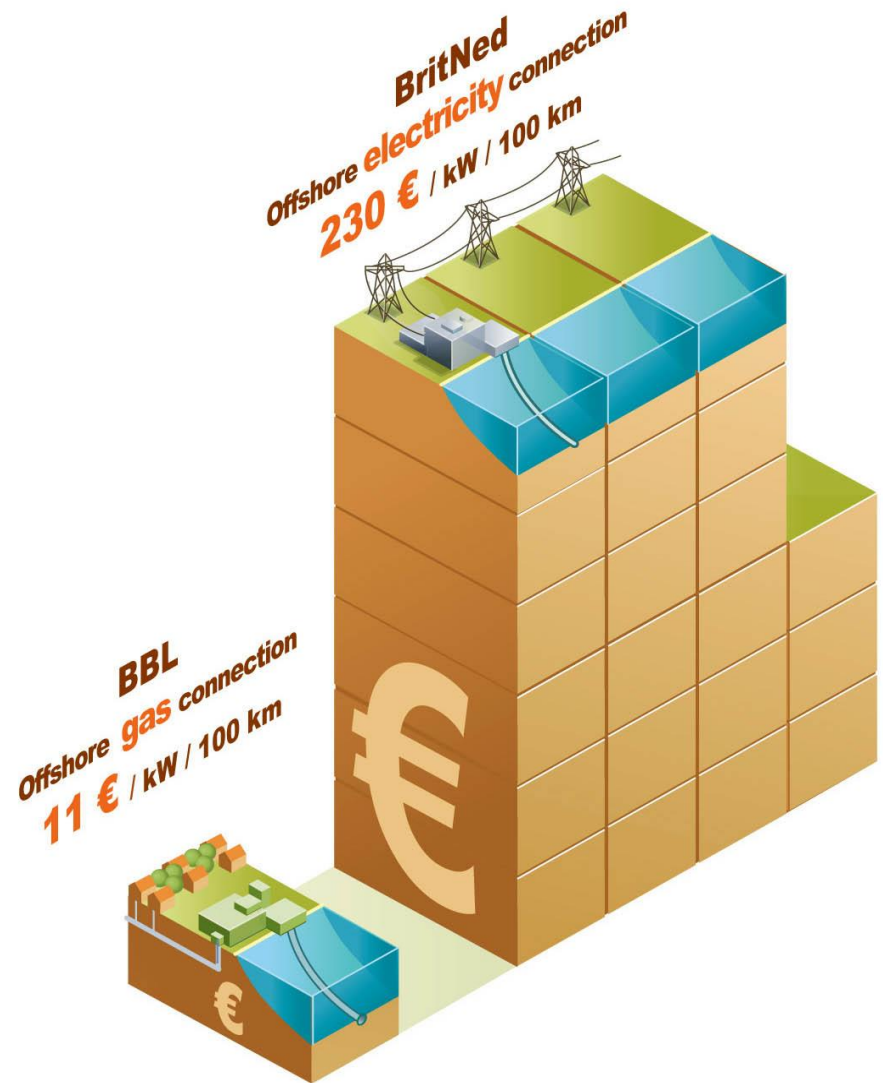
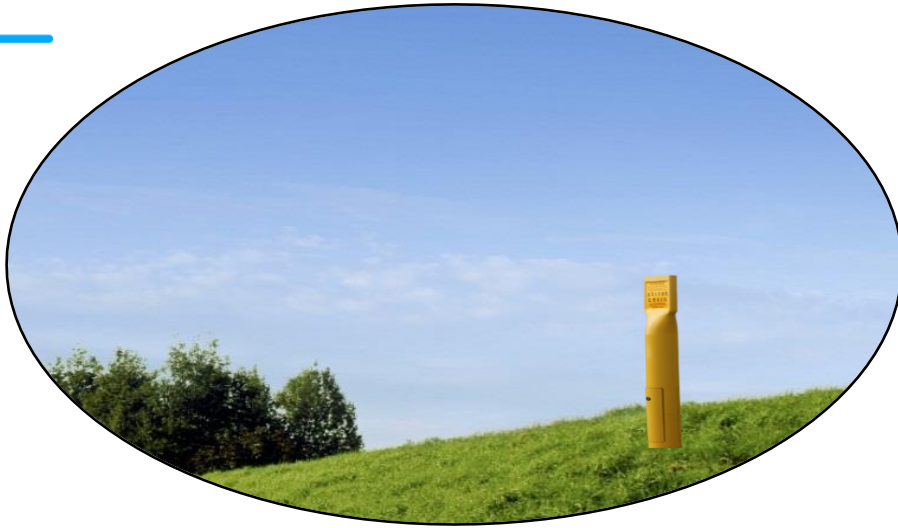
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## Introduction



# Transmission gas and electricity infrastructures



# The Power Market Model

In most EU countries the following Power Market model applies:

- Total EU market is divided into "market areas"
- In each market area there is an hourly price setting calculated daily from demand and supply (by Exchanges) [Day ahead of operation]
- Including full import / export with neighbouring countries
- Thus the allocation of capacity on interconnection points is a result of the market, given by the pricing signals in the two relevant pricing areas (electricity always flows toward high price areas)
- Within the day, TSO's balance the market from market based toolbox. "Shippers" cannot impact.

# Characteristics of the Power Market

The following statements are valid for most EU power markets:

- Majority of production capacity is located **within geographic demand areas**
- **Due to the size** of the interconnectors (1-2.000 MW) delivery of demand varies significantly
- On an annual basis **more than 80%** of consumption is covered by domestic production
- Trade occurs **mainly between neighbouring** countries
- Consumers **do not know** producer (anonymous, as power is traded at PX)
- **Physical flows are "decided"** by the laws of electricity (Kirchoff etc.)



**TSOs are responsible for system balancing**



# The Gas Market Model

In most EU countries the following model applies:

- Most Networks codes are finalised, and partly implemented
- Most countries have entry-exit model, with sale of capacity on common Platform with regional neighbours (annual, monthly, daily, within-day)
- Shippers plan, book and pay for each transport-segment
- Shippers nominate their transport on entry/exit points (including hubs, storage, exchanges)
- Within day, Shippers decide / renominate their use of infrastructure. Thus, commercial players choose their own efficient supply of gas



# Characteristics of the Gas Market

The following statements are valid for most EU gas markets:

- **Majority** of production is located outside EU
- **Many large** interconnectors (10-50.000 MW) can deliver (in many countries) all of the demand
- Min. 90% of consumption crosses 1 border
- On an annual basis **less than 20%** of consumption is covered by domestic production
- Trade occurs over **long distances** (1000-4000 km) through multiple countries
- Many large consumer **know** their actual producer
- **Different competing transport routes** of molecules can be chosen



**Shippers are responsible for system balancing**  
**TSOs are responsible for residual balancing**

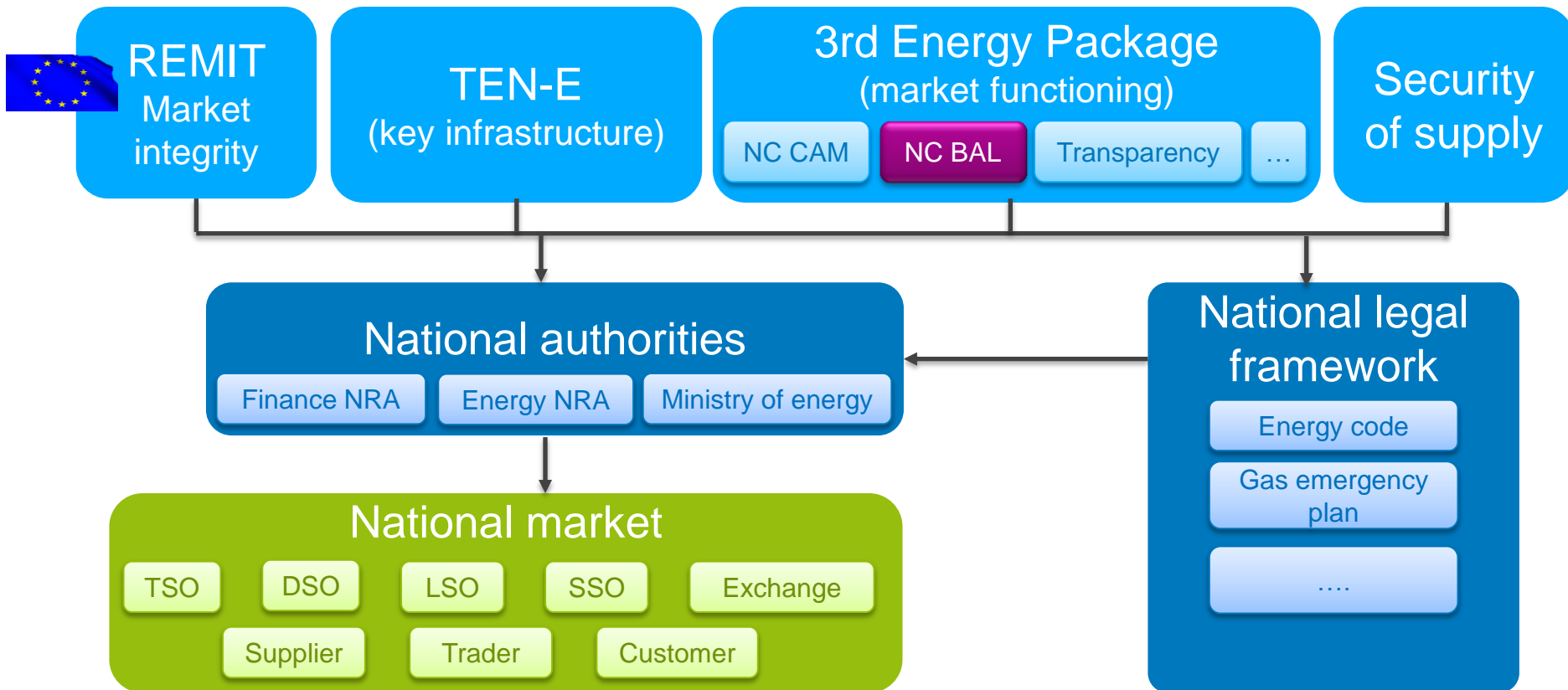


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What is flexibility



# Outlook of EU and national legal framework

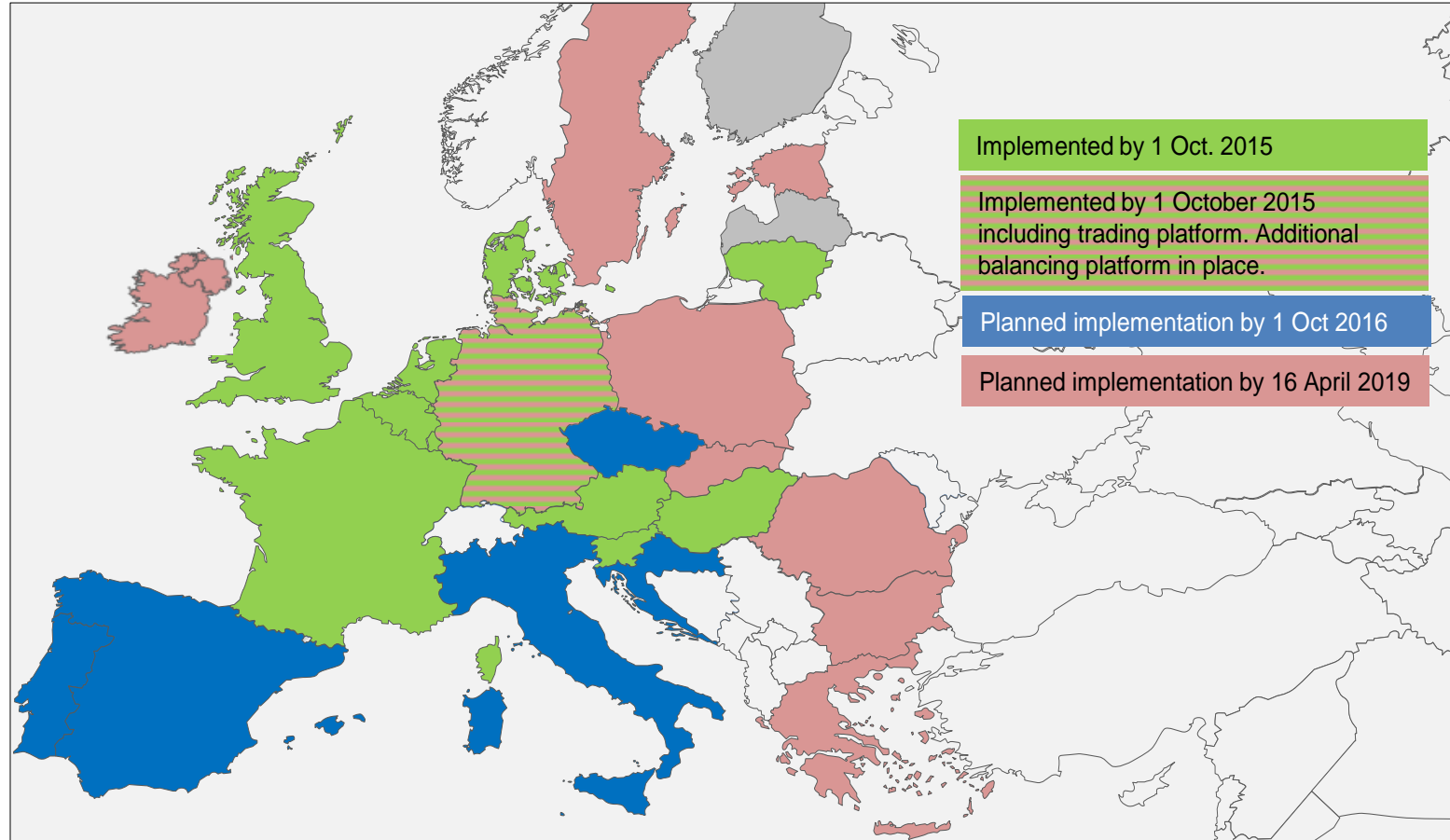


# Balancing Network Code: creation of market based balancing

- Network users (shippers) are responsible of balancing their inputs/offtakes
- TSO is responsible for the residual balancing, if any
  - ✓ TSO has the obligation to supply flow to answer to each shipper demand (nomination) at each network exit point
  - ✓ TSO maximizes the amount of gas balancing needs purchased through short term gas market
- Daily balancing regime is applied.
  - ✓ With the possibility to introduce intraday constraints for shippers
- NC Balancing provides adaptation possibilities for TSOs and NRAs in national implementation
  - ✓ Gas networks and markets differ from each other in their characteristics



# NC Balancing implementation

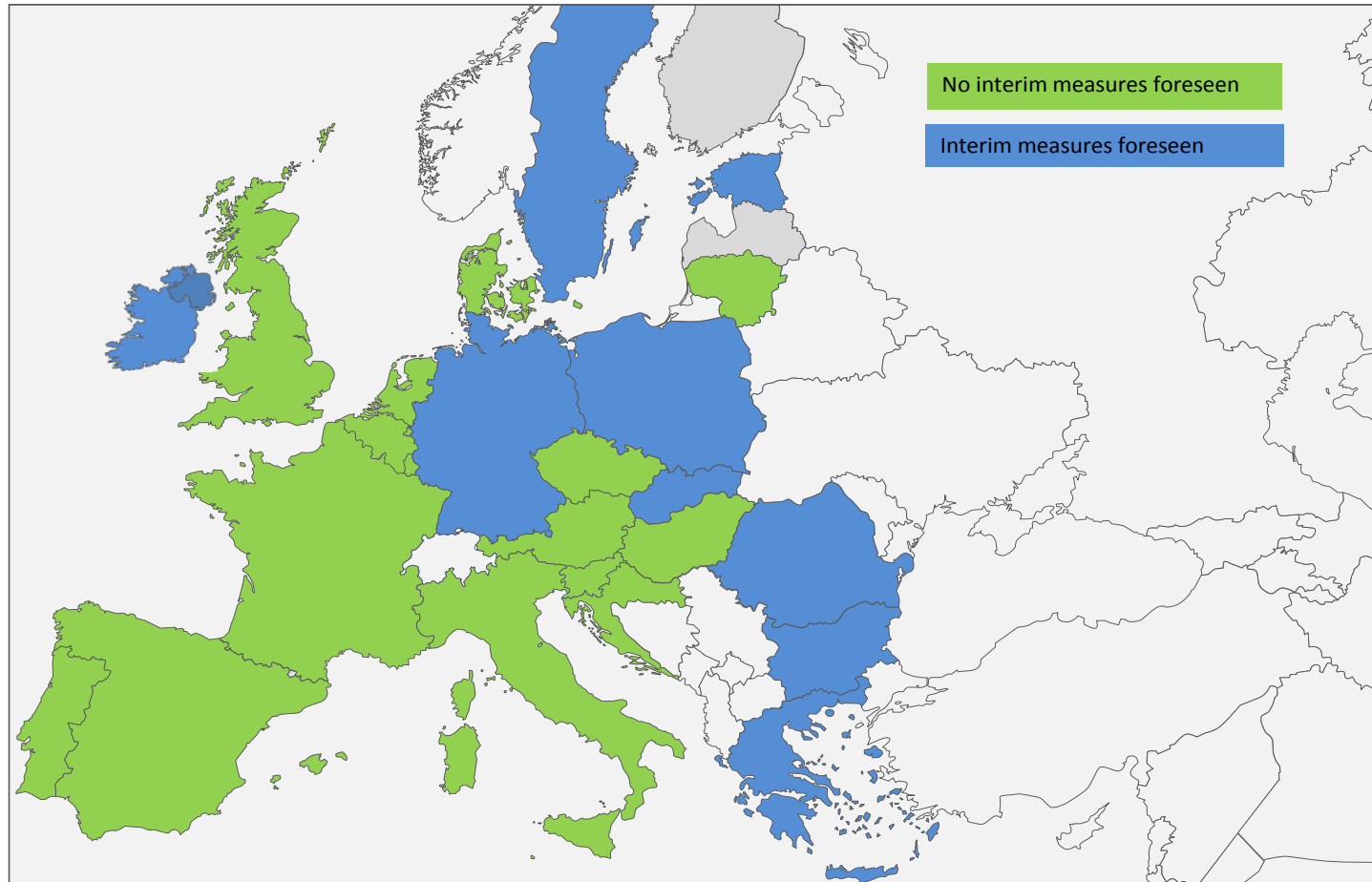


- 10 Member States reported to have implemented the Code by 1 October 2015.
- 5 Member States will apply transitory measures and implement the Code by 1 October 2016.
- 9 Member States and NI will apply interim measures (2019)

# NC Balancing implementation

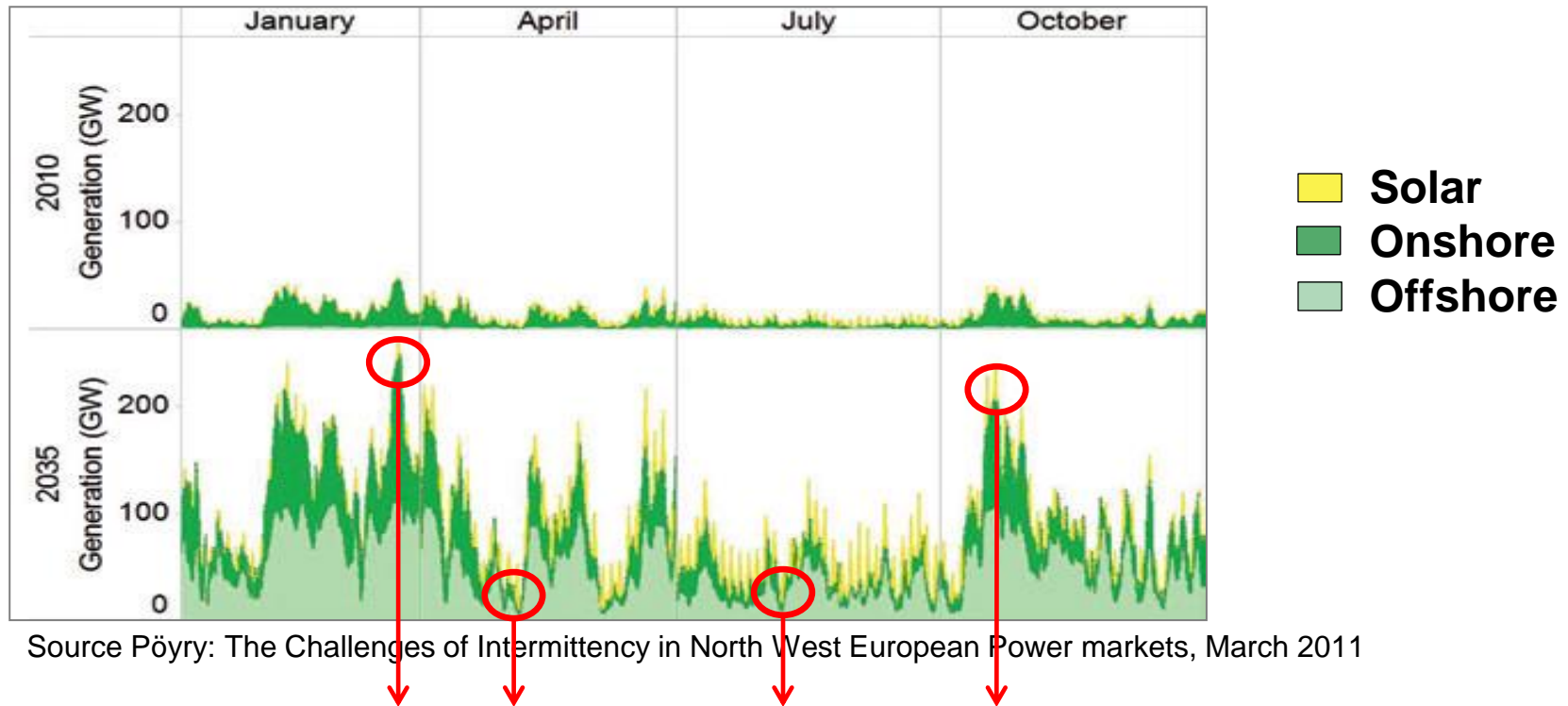
**9 MSs and UK-NI** apply interim measures

» BG, DE, EE, EL, IE, PL, RO, SE, SK, UK-NI



# Supply in a volatile renewable world

North European power production from wind and sun

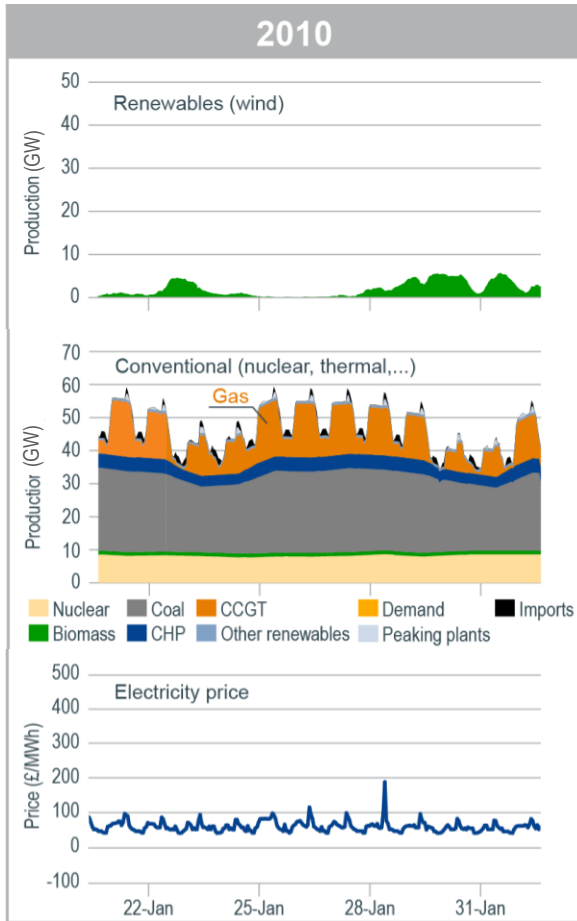


Source Pöyry: The Challenges of Intermittency in North West European Power markets, March 2011

- Wind and sun will **not balance** themselves
- Wind supplies max . **~ 2.000 full load hours** per year >> triggers **massive shortfalls** and **overproduction**

# Supply in a volatile renewable world

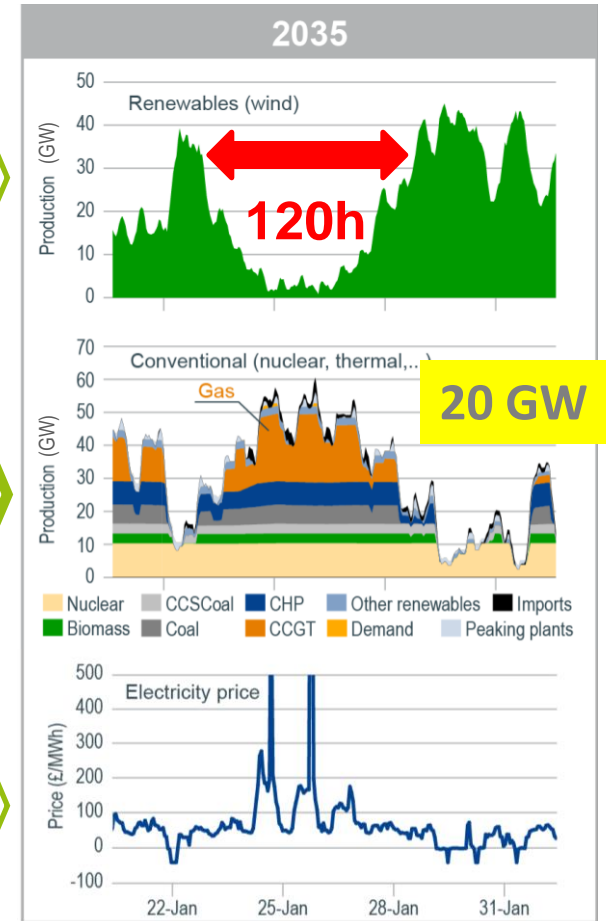
UK model 2035 - based on January 2010 weather conditions



Significant fluctuations in power generation from wind due to weather influences

Volumes will decrease significantly while required capacity/ flexibility will double

Volatile prices, especially during extreme weather conditions



Source: Pöry Energy Consulting  
Adapted by RAG

# 03

## Flexibility tools





# Balancing needs / Sources

Seasonal balancing needs  
(for SoS & final customers)

- Storage
- Production swing
- LNG interruptible clients

Suppliers/shippers

Daily balancing needs

- Storage
- LNG (if available)
- Supply contract flexibility
- Interruptible clients

Suppliers/shippers

TSOs

Intraday balancing needs

- Storage (salt caverns)
- Linepack
- LNG (if available)

Suppliers/shippers

TSOs



# 04

## Flexibility valuation



# The value of gas storage is like an iceberg

## THE VISIBLE

Market values



## System value

- ✓ Optimized gas production
- ✓ Cost efficient gas transport

## THE INVISIBLE

Insurance value



# System values of storage

## Cost efficient transport

- Avoided investment thanks to lower peak load requirement.:
  - Europe: avoided CAPEX of up to 16%\*
  - France : avoided CAPEX of ca. 3 bn €
  - UK : annual savings of up to £ 300m\*\*
- Reduced operating and maintenance costs thanks to optimized gas compression: ca. 20-25%
- Reduction of local transport bottlenecks.

## Optimized gas production

- Avoided investment in wells and surface facilities of up to 80% depending on expected swing.
- Optimization of operations and maintenance (plateau vs. swing) allowing to prolong the lifespan of production fields.
- Enhanced ultimate recovery: avoided loss of reserves of ca. 10-15% depending on reservoir characteristics.

# Insurance value of storage (1/2)

A number of issues - or a combination of those - may trigger a gas supply risk :

## Weather conditions

- Cold wave in the US: winter 2013/2014
- Cold snap in Europe in February 2012
- Prolonged winter end 2013 in Europe
- Rough sea causing Skikda (Algeria) liquefaction train shutdown in January 2015
- ...

## Geopolitical and social risk

- Russia - Ukraine tensions; partial supply disruption in 2009
- Interruption of Greenstream (Libya-IT) flow following the outbreak of the Arab Spring in Libya in February 2011
- ...

## Technical issues

- Technical issue at Rough (UK) in March 2015 resulting in storage output reduction
- 6-month shutdown of Transitingas pipeline in 2010 due to a landslide in Switzerland.
- ...

## Environmental issues

- Gas production induced earthquakes in Groningen (NL)
- ...

# Insurance value of storage (2/2)

## Gas shortage can be costly...

### UK

Cost estimate of a 6-week gas disruption to industry in the UK: up to £10bn (*Ilex Energy Consulting, 2006*)

### Australia\*

- September 1998: disruption of supply to Melbourne for 19 days
- Affected 1.4 million households and 90.000 business places
- Total commercial and industry cost assessed at AU\$1.3 billion

OFGEM has recognized the potential impact of supply disruption through the emergency cash-out price - “Value of Lost Load” - of £20 per therm (i.e. ca 800 EUR/MWh)

**Gas storage helps to avoid such economic and social risk exposure**

***“...storage is a very real, physical and practical expression of energy security...”***

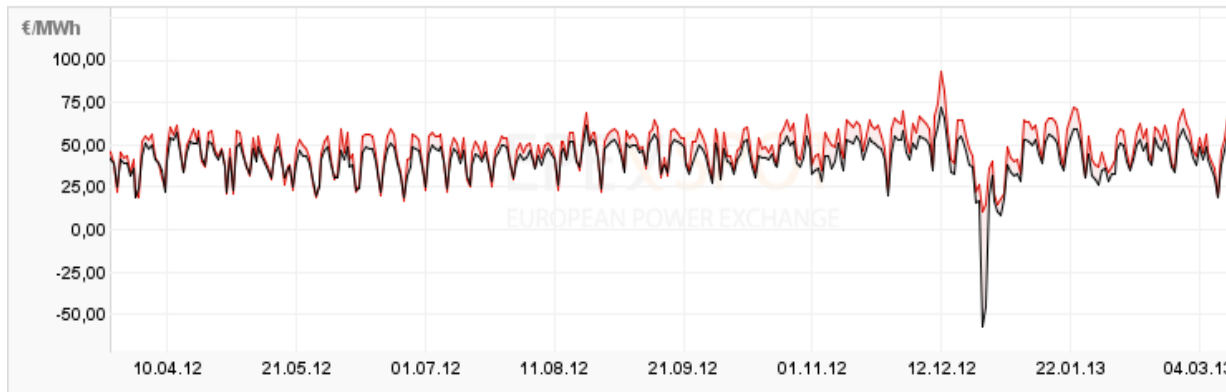
Maria van der Hoeven, IEA

\* [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Esso\\_Longford\\_gas\\_explosion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Esso_Longford_gas_explosion)

# Security of Price

## Electricity spot prices 2012/2013 – PHELIX market area

Preis



Amplitude:

Ø ~30 €/MWh

max ~ 150 €/MWh

Source: EEX

## Gas spot prices 2012/2013 – NCG market area

Preis



Amplitude:

Ø ~ 1 €/MWh

max ~ 10 €/MWh

Source: EEX

# Evolution of the French regulatory framework

- **The French Ministry of Energy (DGEC) has decided to change the regulatory framework of the gas storage activity in France towards the regulation** of the activity as already exists for the other gas infrastructures companies of ENGIE in France.
- **A project of ordinance** (“ordonnance”) has been approved on February 2nd by the *Conseil Supérieur de l’Energie* and **is expected to be submitted shortly to the Council of State.**
- Different steps have already happened

April 2015	Consultation of the stakeholders => towards a financial regulation of costs of storage operators under 2 approaches: 2 regulation schemes (a classical regulation vs a « market based » regulation) + statu quo
July 2015	Legislation on the energy transition (article 167)
Nov. 2015	Draft ordonnance circulated by DGEC in November 16th => the « market-based » option ... and discussed in committee in November 27th
Jan 2016	Start of the work and exchanges with the French NRA (CRE) for commercialisation process, definition of the authorised revenue, remuneration rate.





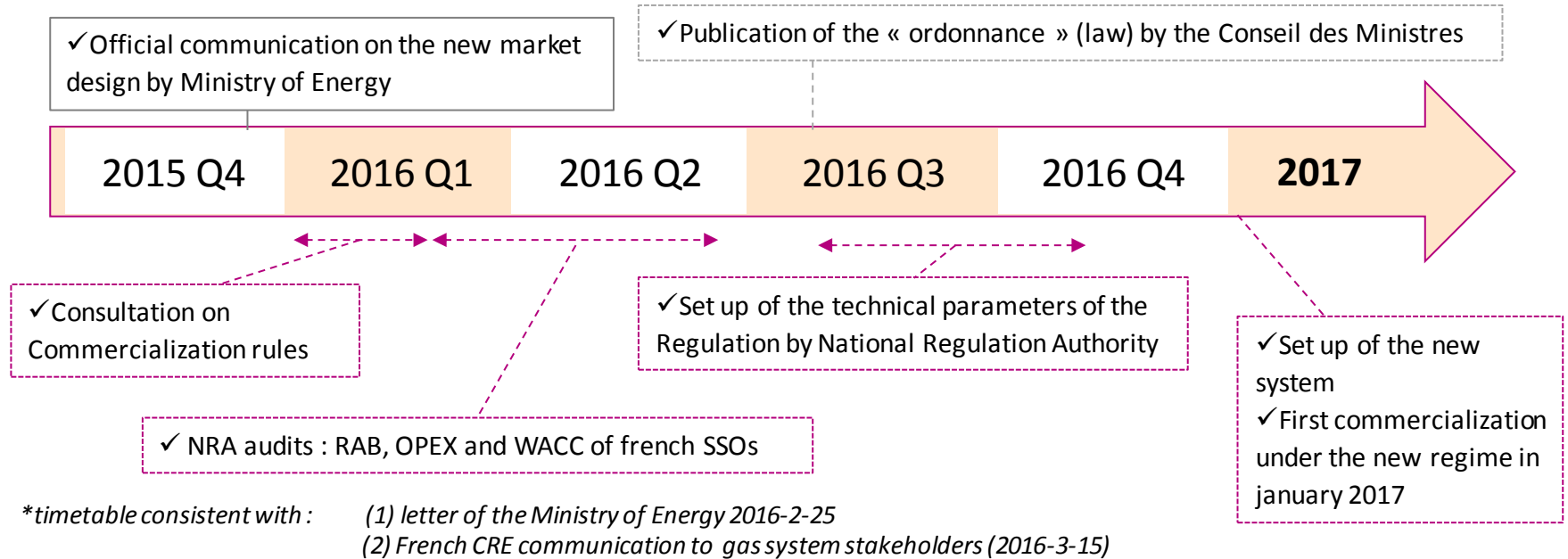
# A «market-based» regulation scheme

In the project of ordinance (“ordonnance”) scheme :

- **All the storage sites are part of the initial regulated perimeter.**
- **A minimum level of subscription and filling of the storages** will be defined on a yearly basis by Decree (~storage obligations);
- **The allowed and guaranteed revenue of the storage operators will be a fixed amount set by the French regulator (CRE)** in order to cover normative capital costs for the whole perimeter (RAB with a regulated rate of return), OPEX and RAB depreciation. **This allowed revenue is not known yet and will be set by the CRE by end-2016**
- **The sales process will be conducted through auctions** – modalities to be set by the French regulator (CRE);
- In case the revenues from auctions are lower than this allowed revenue, **a compensation will be collected through the transmission tariff and paid to the storage operators in order to reach the allowed revenue set by the CRE.**



# Many deadlines still to come



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Concluding remarks



# Small scale LNG: new solutions for mobility and remote areas



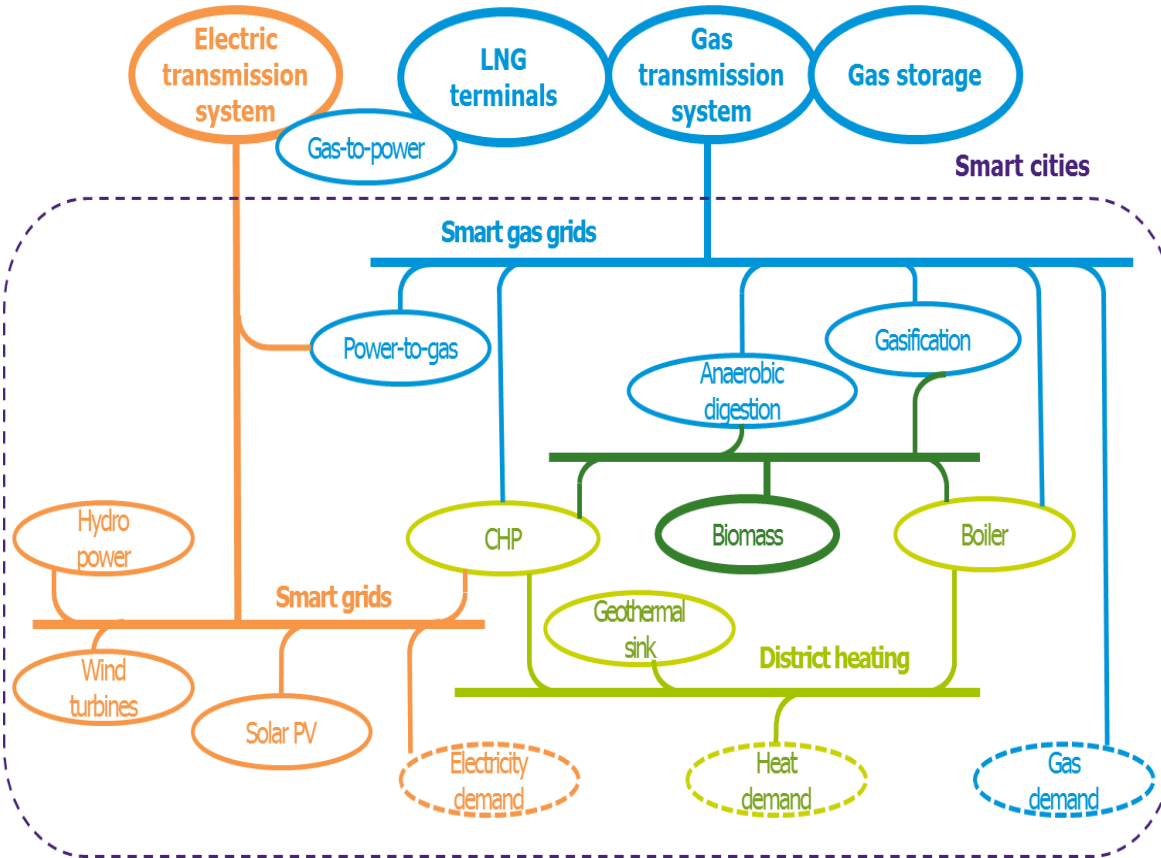
# Renewable gas: fulfill essential needs from unexpected sources



- From fossil stock to lively resources: livestock farming, organic waste, forests, straw, algae..
- Injection of upgraded biomethane into existing infrastructures possible without any adaptation investments
- Global potential of 860 bcm green gas from agriculture and waste alone



# Gas infrastructures: at the heart of optimized energy systems



- Natural gas infrastructures deliver high storage and transmission capacities for smart energy systems
- Natural gas infrastructures critical for RES back-up
- Power-to-gas development open new systemic optimization



Back-up



# Balancing Network Code

- The Code provides for a **high degree of flexibility** to TSOs and NRAs in the national implementation. Reasons: gas networks and markets differ from each other in their characteristics
- **Implementation options:**
  - 3 possible implementation dates (Oct 15, Oct 16, Apr 19)
  - 3 possible types of information models for forecasting non daily metered off takes (base case, variant 1, 2)
  - 4 possible types of interim measures (balancing platform, tolerances, interim imbalance charge, alternative to the balancing platform)
  - 4 possible types of short term standardised products to be procured by the TSO for balancing purposes on the trading platform (title, locational, temporal, temporal locational)
  - the possibility to continue procuring resources for balancing via balancing services
  - the possibility to provide additional linepack flexibility service
  - different lead times for trade notifications (30 min – 2 hrs with conditions)
  - the possibility to choose whether or not to apply within day obligations with 3 possible types of within day obligations (system wide, portfolio based, entry-exit)
- The implementation is progressing along multiple time schedules and along several regulatory options.
- Almost all of the possibilities offered by the Code have been used in the national implementations.
- **Yet, the focus should be the same: creation of market based balancing with residual TSO balancing**