

# Balticconnector capacity allocation in 2021

- Gasgrid sent a questionnaire for shippers to give their views and opinions regarding two allocation mechanisms: 1) implicit capacity allocation based on confirmed nominations 2) capacity auctions.
  - 7 answers received (out of which 5 shippers active regionally and 2 nationally)
  - 6 supported the current implicit capacity allocation mechanism, one gave a proposal of their own.
- Gasgrid evaluated two capacity allocation options and considered the market participants' views. **Gasgrid proposed for NRA that the current capacity allocation mechanism will be applied in 2021:**
  - End-users would not benefit from switching to capacity auctions if this were done as a short-term solution
  - Risk of disintegration of the regional tariff zone
  - Adequate preparation time for changes both for market participants and TSOs (IT systems, market rules,...)
  - The congestion of Balticconnector is due to temporary factors (delay on compressor stations, price differences in market areas)
  - Based on questionnaire, market participants are in favor of the current mechanism.
- The Finnish NRA (Energiavirasto) has given a statement that the current capacity allocation mechanism of BC can be extended until a common balance area is established, provided that there are no significant changes in circumstances that would make the capacity allocation model no longer work or serve its purpose
- However, **this is an initial statement and the terms will need to be confirmed as a separate decision** from the NRA during fall 2020.

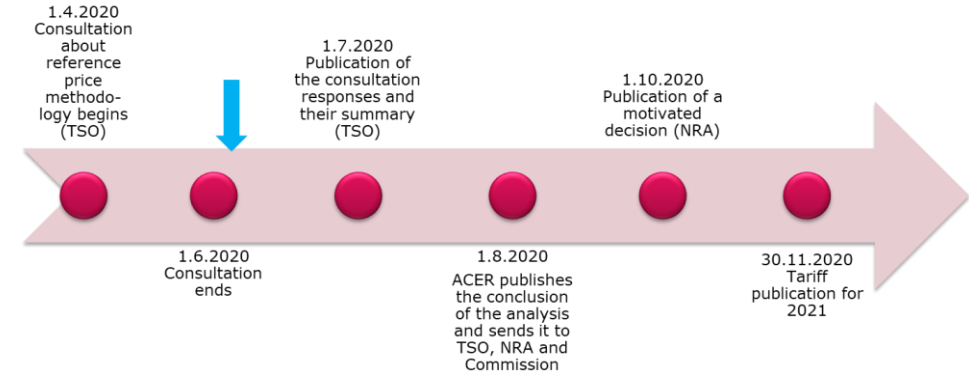
# Development of Gas Market Documentation

- Terms and conditions regarding imbalance gas pricing and inclusion of neutrality charges will be amended
  - As part of approval process, Energy Authority will organize a public consultation which will be launched during June.
- Principles on gas supplied from the LNG operator's facility to the grid will be included to the market documentation during this year.
- The duplicates between the market rules and the terms and conditions will be removed during 2020.
- Gasgrid will prepare an amendment process for market rules. If changes to the market documentation arise during 2020, these will be informed for the market participants in advance.
- In the market forums, identified needs for market rules update on Gasgrid side or development ideas on market participants' side can be discussed.

# Tariffs

## Tariff Methodology Consultation process

- Consultation of Tariff Methodology ended 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Gasgrid will publish the consultation summary and consultation responses by 1<sup>st</sup> of July.
- ACER will publish the conclusion of analysis by 1<sup>st</sup> of August. The analysis will be published also in ACER webpage\*.



\*[https://acer.europa.eu/nl/Gas/Framework%20guidelines\\_and\\_network%20codes/Paginas/Harmonised-transmission-tariff-structures.aspx](https://acer.europa.eu/nl/Gas/Framework%20guidelines_and_network%20codes/Paginas/Harmonised-transmission-tariff-structures.aspx)

## Consultation on multipliers in accordance with Article 28 of Tariff Network code

- At the same time with tariff methodology consultation, Energy Authority organized a consultation on the level of multipliers, seasonal factors and discounts regarding the following tariff year.
- After the end of the consultation NRA Energy Authority shall make a motivated decision.

## Consultation on final reference prices before the tariff period 1.1.2021-31.12.2021

- During last quarter of calendar year 2020, a consultation will be organized on final reference price.
- Gasgrid will also publish the information in accordance with TAR NC Article 30\* (incl. financial values, certain technical parameters)

\*<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32017R0460>