

Candidate projects of common interest (Candidate PCI)

In 2013, a new Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 entered into force. This Regulation introduced the process of projects of common interest (PCI) selection that is based on the work of regional groups consisting of representatives of the member states, energy regulatory institutions, European Commission, transmission system operators, project promoters, representatives of ACER, ENTSOG and ENTSO-E. The final decision about the Union list of projects of common interest will be taken by the European Commission. The Union list is regularly up-dated every two years.

In October 2014, the European Commission initiated the process of updating the first Union PCI list which was published by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1391/2013 of 14th October 2013. The second Union PCI list is expected in October 2015. **NET4GAS submitted into the second PCI selection the following projects:**

Poland-Czech Republic Interconnection (CZ)

(ENTSOG Code: TRA-N-136)

The Project will be a part of the Czech and Polish transmission system and will increase a cross-border capacity between these two countries by establishing a large transportation corridor that will allow a flexible bidirectional transport of gas in the Central Europe in direction North-South. The development of the physical interconnection between Poland and the Czech Republic will contribute to reinforcement of the effective operation of the gas transmission systems, efficient gas exchange between the markets, it will increase security of supply not only in Poland and the Czech Republic, but also in the whole CEE region by enabling the supply link with the European gas market and global LNG market via the Terminal in Świnoujście and furthermore it will increase competition in the region. In the Czech Republic the Project is consisted of the following subprojects: 1) Poland-Czech Republic Interconnector (STORK II) and 2) Tvrdonice-Libhošť pipeline (including upgrade of CS Břeclav). The second subproject represents a transmission system development in the Czech Republic, which is required in order to ensure the full functionality of the Polish-Czech interconnection and will be implemented together with the domestic project Moravia by one pipeline. This approach is opportunity of lower implementation costs compared to the implementation of two independent projects. The ratio of international and domestic project shall be set by NRAs decisions according to the Investment Request submitted in 10/2013.

Bidirectional Austrian Czech Interconnection (BACI)

(ENTSOG Code: TRA-N-133)

The BACI project will be a new infrastructure directly connecting the Austrian and Czech market. It will be connected to the existing Czech transmission system via CS Břeclav (NET4GAS s.r.o.) and to the Austrian transmission system via Baumgarten (GAS CONNECT AUSTRIA GmbH). The project BACI will enable capacity transmission for the first time between these two EU member states and it will facilitate better market integration and security of gas supply also for adjacent countries like Hungary, Poland, Germany, Italy, France, Slovenia, Croatia and Slovakia due to the creation of additional transportation opportunities. The project BACI will also increase the overall flexibility of the Czech, Austrian and also Polish system by diversification of gas supply routes and by connecting UGSs in the Czech Republic and Austria.

Connection to Oberkappel

(ENTSOG Code: TRA-N-135)

The Project aims to interconnect the existing transmission systems in the Czech Republic (South Bohemia Region) and Austria (Oberösterreich Region). The realization of this Project will connect the southern branch of the Czech transmission system close to the Zábouří town with the Penta-West pipeline as well as with the West Austria Gasleitung (WAG) pipeline close to the IP Oberkappel. The Project will enhance diversification of gas supply routes in Region by establishing another bidirectional North-South corridor which will lead from Germany to Italy. Furthermore, it will increase security of supply and market integration by enhancing the rate of interconnection of existing transmission grids (CZ, AT and DE) and connecting large UGS in Austria and Germany to the Czech grid.

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