



## Dear business partners,

As we move through 2026, gas markets remain volatile. In this environment, our priority is clear: to deliver stable, predictable and competitive transmission services across the Czech Republic and the wider CEE region.

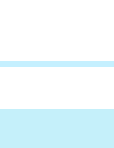
At NET4GAS, we remain focused on transparency, reliability and pricing that allows our shippers to plan with confidence. With the annual capacity auction approaching, this newsletter provides all key information — including available transmission capacities as well as Czech transmission tariffs for 2026 and 2027.

In this edition, you will also find updates on tariffs, our ESG progress, hydrogen developments and ongoing infrastructure activities.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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## AUCTION

### Yearly capacity auction

- > NET4GAS capacities at VIP Brandov and Lanžhot remain sufficient to support future gas flows across Central and Eastern Europe.
- > Exit capacities in Germany shall increase around the end 2026 with the expected commissioning of the Rehden compressor station.
- > Further capacity to be offered in forthcoming short-term auctions.

**MARKET** The firm yearly capacity auction will open on 6 July 2026 at 9:00 AM (CET), in line with [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2017/459 of 16 March 2017 \(NC CAM\)](#), which establishes a network code on capacity allocation mechanisms in gas transmission systems. Complete auction details, including available capacities and prices, can now be found on the PRISMA and GSA platforms.

We are making firm bundled transmission capacities available at key border points for 16 consecutive gas years (GY), spanning GY 2026/27 through GY 2040/41. Unbundled capacities are offered for the GY 2026/27 period, consistent with the CAM NC guidelines.

Firm capacities remain available at VIP Brandov and Lanžhot, offering strategic alternatives to former transit routes and reinforcing regional energy security.

Moreover, exit capacities from Germany remain a key topic alongside Czech capacities. Based on available information, the Rehden compressor station in Germany is expected to be commissioned by the end of 2026, which should result in a significant increase in both types of firm exit capacities (FZK, DZK) at VIP Brandov.

### NET4GAS Entry capacities for GY 2026/2027 (GWh/d)

Interconnection point	Bundled	Unbundled
Lanžhot	328	732
Český Těšín	-	0
VIP Brandov	200	1 299
VIP Waidhaus	-	102

### NET4GAS Exit capacities for GY 2026/2027 (GWh/d)

Interconnection point	Bundled	Unbundled
Lanžhot	140	467
Český Těšín	4	0
VIP Brandov	179	260
VIP Waidhaus	-	714

More firm capacities will be made available through upcoming short-term auctions, following the CAM NC rules on set-aside capacity.

In general, we do not comment on capacities outside the Czech transmission system and recommend approaching the respective adjacent TSOs for further details. Nevertheless, exit capacities on the German side of the border remain an important topic in the market context alongside Czech capacities. In this respect, and based on available information, it is worth noting that the Rehden compressor station in Germany is expected to be commissioned around the end of 2026, which should contribute to a significant increase in both types of firm German exit capacities (FZK, DZK) at VIP Brandov.

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## PRICE DECISION

### Updated for Calendar Year 2027

- > Entry border tariffs increased slightly (by around 5 %), except for VIP Waidhaus, which fell to the level of VIP Brandov, making it more commercially attractive.
- > Multipliers for short-term capacity products remain unchanged.

**MARKET** On 3 June 2026, the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) published [Price Decision No. 2/2026](#), establishing regulated gas transmission tariffs for firm capacity at Czech border points for the 2027 calendar year, in line with applicable national legislation and the EU regulatory framework.

With the aim of maintaining competitiveness, tariffs for 2027 remain relatively stable with only limited adjustments, as most border points increase by around 5% in line with earlier indications under the TAR NC decision from 2025.

The Price Decision also sets multipliers for short-term gas capacity products, which remain unchanged from previous years: 1.1 for quarterly products, 1.25 for monthly products, 1.5 for daily products, and 1.7 for within-day products.

Using the annual product, the combined entry and exit fixed cost for transit via NET4GAS system (Germany–Slovakia route) in 2027 amounts to approx. 0.7 EUR/MWh. The variable component for exit points will be announced in the second price decision in November, while in 2026 it is set at 0.0009 × the OTE spot price index, corresponding to approx. 0.04 EUR/MWh.

### Border point transmission prices (CZK/MWh/d/a)

Entry border point	2027	2026
Lanžhot	1,818.72	1,722.94
Český Těšín	526.28	498.57
VIP Brandov	2,446.74	2,317.88
VIP Waidhaus	2,446.74	2,792.56

### Border point transmission prices (CZK/MWh/d/a)

Exit border point	2027	2026
Lanžhot	3,800.00	3,600.00
Český Těšín	5,800.00	5,500.00
VIP Brandov	7,000.00	7,000.00
VIP Waidhaus	7,000.00	7,000.00

In addition, the November price decision will also set key parameters for gas storage facilities and directly connected customers for calendar year 2027.

For further details, please refer to the Price Decision available on the [ERO website](#) or visit the [NET4GAS website](#).

[David Urban](#)

## ESG REPORT

### NET4GAS continues its sustainability transformation

- > NET4GAS Group continued implementing measures to reduce methane emissions and strengthen infrastructure resilience in 2025.
- > Hydrogen readiness, cybersecurity and transparent ESG reporting remain key pillars supporting the future development of a sustainable energy system.

**ESG** The transformation of the European energy sector continued throughout 2025, shaped by geopolitical developments, decarbonisation efforts, evolving legislation and technological innovation. In this dynamic environment, ensuring operational reliability while preparing for the future energy mix remains one of the key priorities for NET4GAS.

In 2025, NET4GAS continued to safely and reliably operate the Czech gas transmission system while further strengthening its long-term sustainability strategy. We systematically advanced activities focused on emission reduction, hydrogen readiness, cybersecurity and transparent ESG reporting, contributing to the development of a resilient and sustainable energy infrastructure for future generations.

A significant milestone was the publication of the Sustainability Report including, for the first time, a comprehensive set of key performance indicators (KPIs) linked to strategic sustainability objectives. By introducing measurable indicators, we further increased the transparency of our commitments and enabled more effective monitoring of progress across environmental, social and governance areas.

Reducing methane emissions remains one of NET4GAS' key environmental priorities. During 2025, we continued implementing measures aimed at lowering fugitive and vented methane emissions, including investments into mobile compressor technologies and flare systems minimizing venting during maintenance activities. Detection and monitoring activities on the transmission system were also further intensified. These measures support our target to reduce fugitive methane emissions by 20 % by 2030.



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At the same time, NET4GAS continued preparing its infrastructure for the future role of hydrogen in the European energy mix. The internal "H2 Readiness" project focuses on assessing and preparing transmission assets for hydrogen transport, while cooperation with international partners on European hydrogen corridor initiatives continued throughout the year. These activities strengthen our position within the ongoing European energy transformation and support future decarbonisation objectives across the region.

In response to increasing digital threats targeting critical infrastructure, NET4GAS also expanded its focus on cybersecurity and resilience. Beyond standard reporting obligations, we newly introduced broader disclosure of cybersecurity-related activities and measures. Protecting infrastructure today requires not only physical security, but also strong digital resilience against increasingly sophisticated cyber risks.

NET4GAS continues to build on values such as trust, safety, cooperation, innovation and efficiency. Thanks to our long-term experience in secure natural gas transmission and ongoing preparation for hydrogen solutions, we remain committed to supporting a safe, reliable and sustainable energy future in the Czech Republic and across Europe.

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## INFRASTRUCTURE

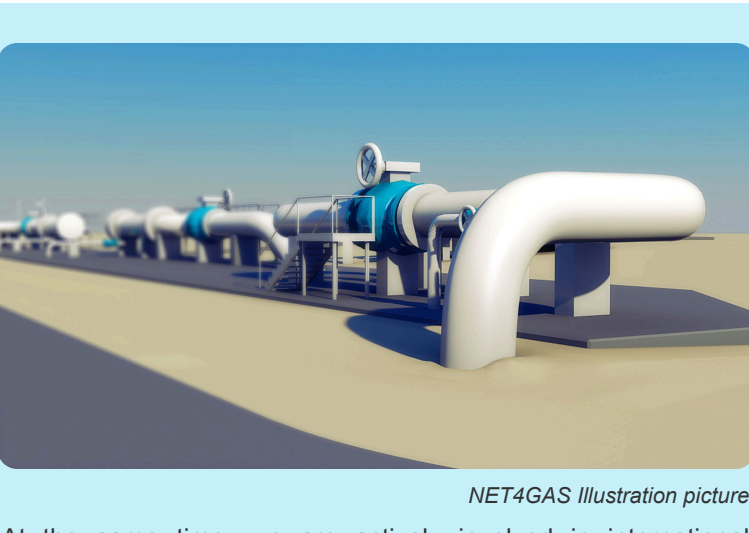
### Test Pilot Apollo: Preparing the NET4GAS System for Hydrogen

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- > So far, result show that many existing components can be used for hydrogen.

**INFRASTRUCTURE** Since 2021, NET4GAS has been systematically preparing its infrastructure for the future transportation of hydrogen under the H2Readiness programme. The aim is to verify how existing pipelines and facilities can be adapted for a new type of gas, while also gaining practical experience for the future operation and maintenance of a hydrogen transmission system.

A key element of this effort is the Apollo test pilot facility, which replicates the real conditions of future hydrogen pipelines. It enables our specialists to examine how individual components behave and to validate the procedures that will be required for the operation and maintenance of hydrogen infrastructure.

The results obtained so far indicate that many existing components and procedures can be used for hydrogen, although in some cases adjustments or changes in their application are necessary. Overall, the testing provides us with essential experience for ensuring the safe and efficient future operation of hydrogen infrastructure.



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At the same time, we are actively involved in international cooperation, sharing experience and learning from foreign partners, which helps accelerate our preparation for energy system transformation.

The Apollo test project thus represents an important step towards a modern, sustainable, and safe energy system in the Czech Republic.

Within the Apollo project, we have tested a range of components and processes, including flange connections and sealing systems, valves (gate valves and ball valves), pipeline purging using nitrogen, tightness verification, leak detection, and safety procedures for system interventions. The project also covers testing of specific operational activities, such as depressurisation, equipment handling, and the simulation of various maintenance interventions.

The Apollo test project thus represents an important step towards a modern, sustainable, and safe energy system in the Czech Republic.

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## HYDROGEN

### CGHI and CEHG on the list of Projects of Common Interest again

- > CGHI and CEHC included on the PCI list benefit from simplified permitting processes and may access financial support from European instruments.
- > Both projects will enable supply along the entire length of the corridors.

**HYDROGEN** NET4GAS is pleased to announce the consecutive inclusion of the **Czech-German Hydrogen Interconnector (CGHI)** and the **Central European Hydrogen Corridor (CEHC)**, including their Czech parts "Czech Hydrogen Infrastructure West" and "Czech Hydrogen Infrastructure North", to the list of Projects of Common Interest (PCI) published in April and administered by the European Commission. The second consecutive inclusion underscores the key role of NET4GAS in developing cross-border energy infrastructure and building a market for low-emission gases in Central Europe.

"We view the inclusion of both projects on the PCI list as an important confirmation of their strategic significance. At the same time, it sends a clear signal that the transformation of gas infrastructure toward low-emission gases – including hydrogen – can significantly contribute to strengthening energy security and achieving climate goals," said Lenka Krausová, director of the H2 Readiness program.

Thanks to its location in the heart of Europe, the Czech Republic has the potential to become a natural hub for future hydrogen flows – both from planned hydrogen sources and toward growing demand centres in Central Europe. It is precisely this significant international and cross-border dimension that is one of the reasons why NET4GAS projects were included on the PCI list: they strengthen the interconnection of European hydrogen infrastructure, contribute to market integration and energy security in the region, and help achieve European decarbonization goals.

Projects on this list can benefit from simplified permitting processes and have access to potential financial support from European instruments, including the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) grant program.

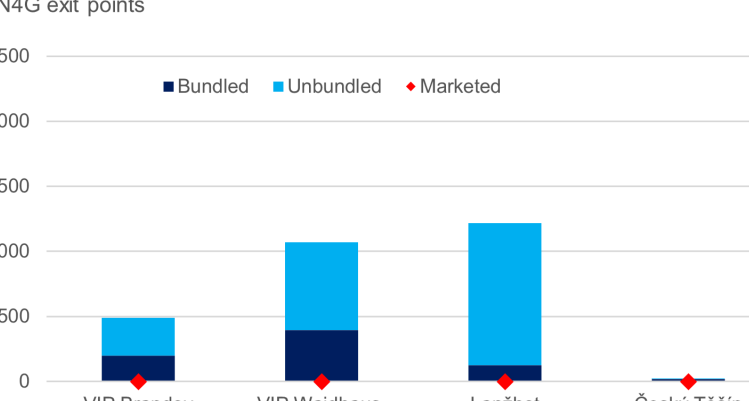
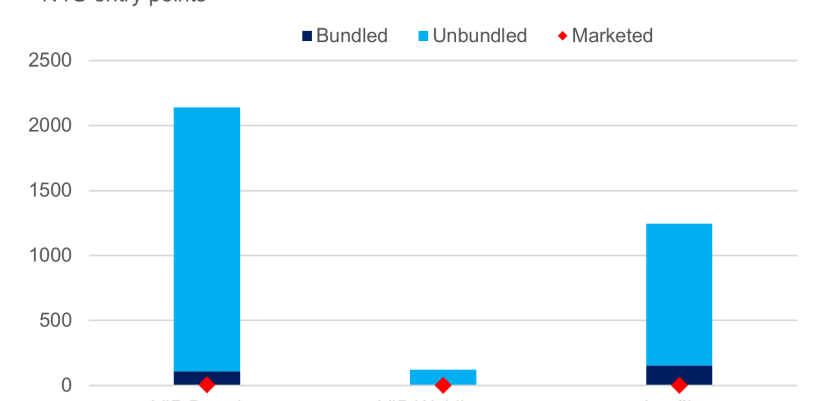
The "West" project involves creating infrastructure for hydrogen transport between the Czech Republic and Germany with the aim of bringing hydrogen from northern Germany, Scandinavia, the North Sea, and the Baltic Sea to the Czech Republic and on to southern Germany. The "North" project will connect the future Czech hydrogen transport system in the west with the German system and in the southeast with the Slovak hydrogen transport system, through which hydrogen would in the future be transported from Ukraine, the Balkan Peninsula, or North Africa to Central and Western Europe.

In addition, both projects will enable the supply of demand centres in the Czech Republic along the entire length of the corridors, particularly the anticipated hydrogen cluster in northern Bohemia.

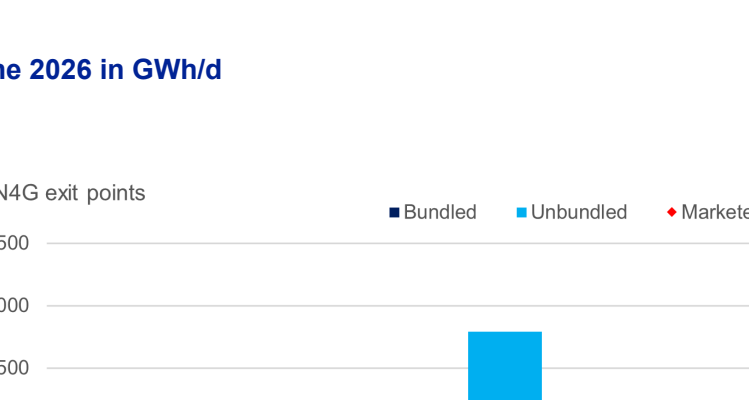
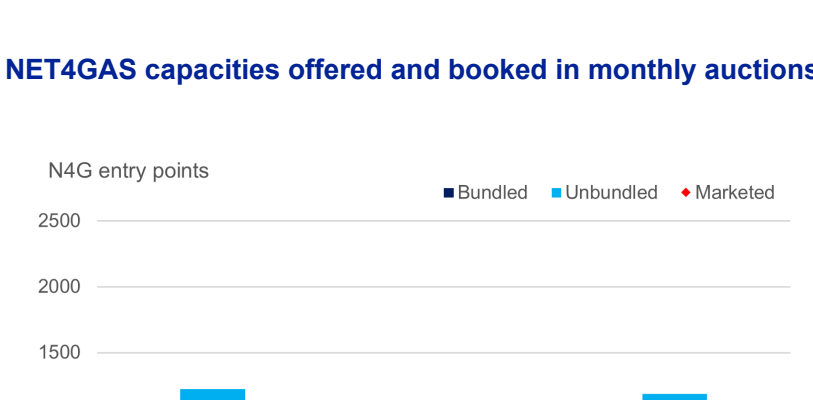
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## NET4GAS capacity offer and utilization

### NET4GAS capacities offered and booked in daily auctions in GWh/d for the period 23.5. – 1.6. 2026 \*)



### NET4GAS capacities offered and booked in monthly auctions for June 2026 in GWh/d



\*) Charts represent the daily maximums offered and marketed during the respective time period.

## Planned maintenance work of NET4GAS infrastructure

Please find below a brief overview of the currently planned maintenance up to September 2026. All and complete planned maintenance work and its impact on the capacity interruptions at the entry and exit points of NET4GAS infrastructure for every gas day are available on our [website](#). The final maintenance plan is announced 42 days in advance in line with legislation.

### Entry points

Month	Entry point	Technical capacity [GWh/d]	Maximum daily interruption [GWh/d]	Maximum available daily firm capacity [GWh/d]
June 2026	VIP Brandov	2,427.582	335.028	2,092.553
July 2026	VIP Brandov	2,427.582	362.245	2,175.250
August 2026	VIP Brandov	2,427.582	308.859	2,252.714
September 2026	VIP Brandov	2,427.582	174.868	2,398.219

### Exit points

Month	Exit point	Technical capacity [GWh/d]	Maximum daily interruption [GWh/d]	Maximum available daily firm capacity [GWh/d]
June 2026			No planned maintenance	
July 2026	VIP Brandov	487.666	197.530	290.136
August 2026	VIP Brandov	487.666	197.530	290.136
September 2026			No planned maintenance	

The last two columns show the maximum daily interruption and the maximum available daily firm capacity in a given month during maintenance, i.e. in case the maintenance affects infrastructure only during some days of the month, the maximum available daily firm capacity equals the whole technical capacity.

## Upcoming auctions of NET4GAS capacities

All upcoming auctions can be found in the auction calendar on the [PRISMA](#) platform. Find all monthly and quarterly auctions to be published in the coming months in the table below:

Publication date	Auctions start	Auction type	Product runtime	Capacity types
6 June 2026 9:00	6 July 2026 9:00	Yearly	1 October 2026 - 1 October 2027	Firm
13 July 2026 9:00	20 July 2026 9:00	Yearly	1 October 2026 - 1 October 2027	Interruptible
13 July 2026 09:00	20 July 2026 9:00	Monthly	1 August 2026 - 1 September 2026	Firm
20 July 2026 09:00	3 August 2026 09:00	Quarterly	1 October 2026 - 1 January 2027	Firm
21 July 2026 9:00	28 August 2026 9:00	Monthly	1 August 2026 - 1 September 2026	Interruptible
10 August 2026 9:00	17 August 2026 9:00	Monthly	1 September 2026 - 1 October 2026	Firm
18 August 2026 09:00	25 August 2026 09:00	Monthly	1 September 2026 - 1 October 2026	Interruptible
31 August 2026 09:00	7 September 2026 09:00	Quarterly	1 October 2026 - 1 January 2027	Interruptible
14 September 2026 09:00	21 September 2026 09:00	Monthly	1 October 2026 - 1 November 2026	Firm
22 September 2026 9:00	29 September 2026 09:00	Monthly	1 October 2026 - 1 November 2026	Interruptible

Daily auctions for firm capacity always start at 4:30 PM on the day before the gas day, and the auctions for interruptible capacity always start at 5:30 PM on the day before the gas day. Within-day auctions start at 7:00 PM on the day before the gas day. Bidding windows open at the start of an auction and start every hour H, with bids to be placed for the remaining part of the gas day starting at hour H+4.