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TAP, SRG and DESFA
for the
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Introduction

This is a Joint Notice in accordance with Article 28 (3) of Regulation (EU) No 2017/459 of 16 March 2017.

This Joint Notice initiates the Binding Phase of the 2021 Market Test (Incremental Capacity Process) at the Interconnection Points (IPs) along the route of the Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP), being: Kipoi (TR-GR), Komotini (GR), Nea Mesimvria (GR), Relievi Roskovec (AL), Kuçovë (AL), Fier (AL), and Melendugno (IT).



This Incremental Capacity Project is primarily driven by potential increases of the technical capacity at IPs along the TAP pipeline route. If infrastructure upgrades necessary for the Incremental Capacity Project are realised by the interconnected TSOs, then additional natural gas flows from the Greek-Turkish border, Greece or Albania will potentially reach downstream markets. Hence, this Incremental Capacity Project is conducted in close coordination by TAP, SRG and DESFA, to enable the offering of capacities at the IPs shared by the TSOs concerned. Notwithstanding such co-ordination, each TSO will be responsible for its own infrastructure upgrades and the other TSOs shall not have any liability to any party for the undertaking, or fail to undertake, such infrastructure upgrades.

The purpose of this Joint Notice is to provide high level procedural details to Participants about participation in the Binding Phase of the 2021 Incremental Capacity Process and inform on how to access details on the registration and submission of Binding Bids to TAP, SRG and DESFA, as applicable.

The Market Test is structured as follows: (i) a non-binding phase (started in July 2021 and lasting until the opening of the Binding Phase) and (ii) a first Binding Phase (a subsequent Binding Phase is going to take place by the end of 2023, at the relevant TSO's discretion), initiated by the publication of the Joint Notice by the TSOs Concerned and publication of further details and supporting documentation on the websites of each of the TSOs Concerned.¹

During the non-binding phase, interested parties submitted non-binding requests to TAP, SRG and DESFA. The non-binding capacity and connection requests that were received have been published in an aggregated manner jointly by TAP, SRG and DESFA in their Demand Assessment Report (DAR).²

The Binding Phase process is subject to the terms and conditions of the Project Proposal developed jointly by TAP, SRG and DESFA and approved by the National Regulatory Authorities (**Authorities**) of Italy

¹ [Market tests > Trans Adriatic Pipeline \(TAP\) \(tap-ag.com\)](#); [SRG \(snam.it\)](#); [DESFA \(desfa.gr\)](#)

² <https://www.tap-ag.com/shippers/market-tests#phase-one-downloads-14394>

(ARERA), Greece (RAE) and Albania (ERE) in November 2022 (the **Project Proposal**).³ Capacity allocation during the Binding Phase shall take place according to the Alternative Allocation Mechanism, as approved in the Project Proposal.⁴

The first Binding Phase of the 2021 Market Test is open to all Applicants, irrespective of their participation in the Non-Binding phase.

The parties wishing to submit Binding Bids under this Market Test shall do so under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Project Proposal and are also required to follow the procedural rules as laid out in respective documentation (e.g., notices of TAP, SRG and DESFA).

Milestones

The Binding Phase is commencing with the publication of the Project Proposal (as approved by the Authorities) together with this Joint Notice and the respective Binding Phase Notice(s) on the websites of TAP, SRG and DESFA. The TSO Specific Binding Phase Notices complement the Joint Notice by making available a list of relevant documentation or steps that need to be submitted and followed by the Applicants for their registration to the 2021 Binding Phase, as well as the procedure and the respective deadline for submission of such documentation to each TSO.

Parties interested in participating in the Binding Bidding Phase are requested to register with the concerned TSOs in order to participate in the Binding Bidding Phase according to the rules and conditions set in the Project Proposal and the procedure specified in each TSO Specific Binding Phase Notice:

- TAP (available [here](#))⁵
- SRG (available [here](#))
- DESFA (available [here](#))

In a Bid Submission Window which will last from 16 to 22 January 2023, the parties interested in participating in the Binding Bidding Phase will be required to submit Binding Bids. Please see respective TSO Specific Binding Phase Notices for the content of the Binding Bids.

Following the end of the Bid Submission Window, TAP, SRG and DESFA will proceed with bid evaluation, Preliminary Capacity Allocation and the Economic Viability Test (**EVT**), and if EVT is positive, entering into Gas Transportation Agreements (**GTAs**) with the successful Participants.

³ ARERA Delibera 548/2022/R/gas; ERE Decision Nr.270, Dated 02.11. 2022; RAE <https://www.rae.gr/anakoinoiseis/51871/>

⁴ [Market tests > Trans Adriatic Pipeline \(TAP\) \(tap-ag.com\)](#); [ARERA - Approvazione del documento "Project proposal of TAP, SRG and DESFA for the 2021 incremental capacity process October 2022"](#)

⁵ For the sake of clarity, we insert here the links as well

TAP: [Market tests > Trans Adriatic Pipeline \(TAP\) \(tap-ag.com\)](#)

SRG: [2021 incremental capacity procedure \(snam.it\)](#)

DESFA: [Incremental Capacity Process 2021 - desfa.gr](#)

Milestones Timeline

Milestones	Dates
Information Phase	14 November – 13 January 2023
Joint Notice publication: TAP/SRG/DESFA make available a list of documentation to be submitted to each TSO	14 November 2022
Registration Period	14 November –13 December 2022
Eligibility assessment	14 December – 13 January 2023
Binding Bidding Phase	16 January – 15 February 2023
Bid Submission Window	16 January – 22 January 2023
Bid Evaluation Period	23 January – 25 January 2023
Preliminary Capacity Allocation ⁶	26 January – 28 January 2023
Economic Viability Test Results published	30 Jan 2023
Capacity Allocation	30 Jan 2023
Execution of GTAs	15 FEB 2023

Final remarks

Please refer to the Project Proposal for further details including:

- References to contractual information including the general rules and conditions that a network user must accept to participate and access capacity in the binding capacity allocation phase of the incremental capacity process, including any collaterals to be provided by network users;
- Information on offer levels, reflecting the range of expected demand for incremental capacity at the relevant interconnection points;
- Further specifics on detailed timelines of the incremental capacity project per respective TSO;
- the relevant parameters defined in Article 22(1) of CAM NC;
- regulatory details including products, and the use of alternative allocation mechanism.

⁶ If during the Preliminary Capacity Allocation TAP reaches a preliminary conclusion of a negative EVT result, TAP may enter into discussions with Participants for a revision of their Binding Bids, with the purpose of yielding a positive EVT, in accordance with Section 3.3.1(d) TAP Tariff Code. TAP will also proceed to inform the Authorities of the negative EVT result. Depending on decisions of the Authorities, the preliminary capacity allocation period may (as an indicative, non-binding estimate) be extended by up to 4 months, as follows: according to Section 4.1.8 of the FJO, in case the EVT is negative, TAP is obliged to demonstrate this situation to the Authorities within one month following the closing date of the market test. If so requested by the Authorities, TAP will provide an opinion by an independent third party. In case such an opinion is requested, the one-month timeline is extended by two months. The Authorities will then decide on the economic viability of the expansion within one month following receipt of TAP's argumentation / from the receipt of the independent opinion.