

**Demand assessment report
for incremental capacity between
Slovakia and Austria (Market Area East)**

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This report is a joint assessment of the potential for incremental capacity projects conducted by

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A. Non-binding Demand indications

The TSOs, eustream, a.s. and Gas Connect Austria GmbH have received non-binding demand indications for firm capacity at the interconnection point (hereinafter referred to as “IP”) Baumgarten between the entry-exit system of eustream, a.s. (hereinafter referred to as “EUS”) and the entry-exit system Market Area East of Gas Connect Austria GmbH (hereinafter referred to as “GCA”) for future period.

The following **aggregated non-binding demand indications** for firm capacity have been used as a basis for this demand assessment:

From [entry-exit system name] “EXIT CAPACITY”	To [entry-exit system name] “ENTRY CAPACITY”	Gas year [yyyy/yy]	Amount [(kWh/h)/y]	Request is submitted to other TSOs [yes, TSO] or [no] (detailed information shall be provided below)	Conditions*** [please include the letter(s) a to c) and describe the conditions in more detail below]	Period when Demand Indication was received** [please include the period according to the numbers 1) - 3)]	Additional Information
<i>Slovakia</i>	<i>Austria</i>	2022/23 - 2036/37	4,648,063 kWh/d	EUS: Yes GCA: Yes	a) b) c)	3)	<i>Link over IPs</i>

* Since demand indication was received by three TSOs (EUS, GCA, Magyar Gáz Tranzit) for two IPs for 15 years alternative allocation mechanism is taken into consideration

** The following standardised period shall be used for indicating the receiving date of the demand indication:

- 1) later than eight weeks after the annual yearly capacity auction in the previous incremental capacity cycle, that have not been considered previously;
- 2) within eight weeks after this year’s yearly capacity auction (0 – 8 weeks after yearly auction in year);
- 3) later than eight weeks after this year’s yearly capacity auction, but that will be considered in this incremental capacity cycle (9 – 16 weeks after yearly auction in year).

** The following standardised terminology shall be used for describing the conditions:

- a) commitments linking or excluding commitments at other interconnection points;
- b) commitments across a number of different yearly standard capacity products at an interconnection point;
- c) commitments conditional on the allocation of a specific or minimum amount of capacity;
- d) other.

B. Demand assessment

i. Historical usage pattern

Historic usage on the IP Baumgarten is available on EUS website and on the website of the Austrian Market Area Manager and published in the ENTSOG Transparency Platform as well. Long-term available capacity on EUS side of IP Baumgarten in direction SK->AT does not currently reach the level of respective demand indication according to Article 8(6) of REGULATION EC 459/2017. Long-term available capacity at IP Entry Baumgarten GCA can cover the indicated demand on Austrian side.

ii. Relations to GRIPS, TYNDP, NDPs

Since this received demand is relatively new project, there are no references to network development plans considered in the GRIPS, TYNDP and NDPs.

iii. Expected amount, direction and duration of demand for incremental capacity

Based on received non-binding inquiries for IP Baumgarten the expected demand level for SK->AT direction reaches firm capacity of 111.55 GWh/d, (respectively 4,648,063 kWh/h/y) for a period from GY 2022/23 to 2036/37 on both side.

C. Conclusion for the initiation of an incremental capacity project/process

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More than 80% of the capacity for SK->AT direction on IP Baumgarten on EUS side had been contracted. Due to this fact no yearly standard capacity product for SK->AT direction on IP Baumgarten is available in the annual yearly capacity auction for the year in which incremental capacity could be offered for the first time and in the 3 subsequent years.

According to the 2017 third quarter assessment result of the non-binding demand indications under point B (technical capacities increase over the existing level at the interconnection point on EUS side), at least one demand level for incremental capacity need to be developed.

EUS is going to initiate the incremental capacity project for IP Baumgarten. Technical studies for incremental capacity projects of this IP will be conducted under the aforementioned regulation.

GCA

The aggregated non-binding demand indication can be covered by existing capacity at the IP Entry Baumgarten GCA over the whole period.

D. Provisional timeline

EUS intends to conduct the technical studies and the consultation project proposal according to the following provisional timeline:

Start Date	End Date	Description
7.11.2017		Start of design phase
8.11.2017	15.11.2017	Technical studies
16.11.2017	16.12.2017	Public consultation

Possible start-up of commercial operations for incremental capacity at IP Baumgarten (SK->AT) is 01.10.2022.

E. Interim arrangements for the auction of existing capacity on the concerned IP(s)

In case of interim arrangements or other limitation respective provisions of REGULATION (EU) 2017/459 shall apply.



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F. Fees

The TSOs presented at IP Baumgarten did not introduce a fee for the evaluation and processing of non-binding demand indications.



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