

## Public Consultation – FUNC issue “Greater flexibility to book firm capacity at IPs”

### Introduction:

EFET posted the following issue on the Gas Network Code Functionality Platform <https://www.gasncfunc.eu/gas-func/issues/01/2020/view>

There you will find all details about the reported issue and the relevant documents.

### Extract of the reported issue

**Abstract:** The CAM NC has given shippers more flexibility to book capacity at IPs and made the process more efficient. This has contributed to reduced contractual congestion and narrowed spreads through efficient price arbitrage. However, the standard auction timetable still limits opportunities for arbitrage to be fully exploited, particularly across the forward curve. This is detrimental to market efficiency and reduces the amount of capacity TSOs sell. ACER’s latest gas market monitoring report (paragraph 36) suggested that consideration should be given to increasing the frequency of CAM auctions with a standardised timing to make them even more useful for network users.

**Who should act:** ACER, ENTSG, Involved TSO(s)

**Suggested solution or action:** Adjustment of implementation

**Other suggestions:** The proposal is consistent with the fundamental principles of the CAM NC but does not fully comply with the detailed obligations in a couple of aspects. To the extent an adjustment of implementation is not sufficient, a change to the CAM NC legal text as part of the 2021 EU Gas Legislative Package should be pursued.

In order to get a better understanding of the needs of the market, ACER and ENTSG are launching this public consultation to collect stakeholder input.

Please note that the public consultation questionnaire is divided into three main sections, each with its own focus and aim.

**Section 1** – Questions aimed at evaluating the key provisions of the NC CAM

**Section 2** – Questions aimed at collecting feedback on the EFET proposal

**Section 3** – Questions aimed at exploring other options besides the EFET proposal

When evaluating the EFET proposal, or any change compared with the current auction procedures, it is important to consider both benefits and costs. We would therefore like to stress the importance of you substantiating your answers, to allow us to better understand your needs, the scale of the issue, and all potential benefits or costs. We would also like to highlight that this is the first consultation for this FUNC issue and, based on the responses received, further consultations might be required in the future.

We kindly ask you to fill out this questionnaire by 19/02/2021.

For any questions do not hesitate to get in touch with [support@gasncfunc.eu](mailto:support@gasncfunc.eu)

Please provide your answer via the online survey form:

[https://www.gasncfunc.eu/eusurvey/runner/Greater\\_flexibility](https://www.gasncfunc.eu/eusurvey/runner/Greater_flexibility)

For your convenience, please find below the links to the relevant websites hosting supporting documents for this public consultation. The terminology used in the public consultation corresponds to the definitions established in Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/459 (CAM Network Code).

**Supporting Documents:**

[CAM Network Code](#)

[EFET Issue supporting documents](#)

[ACER Congestion management report 7<sup>th</sup> edition](#)