



Presentation of the Gas Centre

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Activities 2012

- Executive Board Meeting
 - The Executive Board Meeting took place on Monday 23 January 2012, in Geneva.
- Task Force on Supply, Infrastructure and Markets (SIM)
 - The 6th SIM took place in Paris (France), on 25 and 26 April, hosted by Storengy, (Underground Gas Storage subsidy of GDF SUEZ). The main topic was Underground Gas Storage and its future .
 - The 7th SIM took place in Ljubljana (Slovenia) on 10 and 11 September, hosted by Plinovodi. The topics discussed were the role of the Balkans in the Security of Supply of Europe and the gas projects in this region.





Activities 2012

- **2nd Task Force on the Gas Markets and Regulation (GMR)**
 - The 2nd GMR took place in Brussels (Belgium) on 11 December, in the offices of Eurogas. The topics discussed were the latest developments on the Natural Gas Market in Europe and its regulation. The Chairman was Ms. Ines Schneider, Head of Business Development, (OMV Gas & Power GmbH).
- **3rd Industry Forum**
 - The 3rd Industry Forum took place on 2 October in Lausanne on International experience with unconventional gas resources.
 - The Chairman was Prof Hans Björn PÜTTGEN, Professor and Director, Energy Center of EPFL





Activities 2012

- 2 Meetings for the updating of the Database, in Geneva
 - The 26th Database Technical Committee took place on 19-20 June, in Geneva.
 - The 27th Database Technical Committee took place on 27-28 November, in Geneva.
 - The experts of the Technical Database Committee are Mr. Daniele Montanari and Mr. Marco Francesconi from ENI.





Activities 2012

- UNECE Gas Centre/ Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) Ad-Hoc meeting
 - The Ad-Hoc meeting on economics of fossil fuel markets and trade dynamics, and on integrated calculation of water and energy costs in key economic sectors took place on 17 January in Beirut (Lebanon).
 - All the staff of the energy sector in ESCWA followed this training session.





Programme for 2013

- Executive Board meeting
 - The Executive Board meeting took place on Monday, 21 January 2013, in Geneva.
- Global Commodity Forum
 - Meeting organized by UNCTAD: Global Commodity Forum, 18-19 March 2013. Topic 2013: "Recommitting to commodity development as an engine or economic growth and poverty reduction".
 - A session will be dedicated to the role of oil and gas companies in local development. Discussion with NGOs, other institutions / partners of companies involved in the local development and capacity building.
 - Total will illustrate the topic with 2 examples in Africa (Congo and Nigeria)
 - GDF Suez with examples in Indonesia and Bangladesh.
 - GasNatural Fenosa with examples in Argentina and Columbia.





Programme for 2013

- Task Force on Supply, Infrastructure and Markets (SIM)
 - The 8th Task Force on Supply, Infrastructure and Markets, 15-16 May in Baku, Azerbaijan, hosted by SOCAR with a technical visit of Sangachal terminal. Topic proposed: The Gas from the Caspian area, with a special focus on South Corridors to Europe. All countries involved in the gas business around the Caspian will be invited.
 - 9th Task Force on Supply, Infrastructure and Markets, in Italy, Rome, hosted by Edison / EDF, dates: 8-9 July.
Topic proposed: "The role of Natural Gas in the production of electricity, and the role of South Europe in the Gas Market".





Programme for 2013

- Database Technical Committee
 - Database Technical Committee in Geneva – proposed to have one meeting on 18-19 June 2013.
- Task Force on Gas Markets and Regulation (GMR)
 - The 3rd Task Force on Gas Markets and Regulation will take place in Brussels, on 5 December 2013.
 - Topic: The European 2050 Roadmap.





Programme for 2013

- 4th Industry Forum
 - The 4th Industry Forum will take place in October.
 - Topic: Recent Developments in LNG Markets.
 - A collaboration with Japan Oil & Gas and Metals Corporation (JOGMEC) has started in order to explore the possibility to organize the meeting in Japan.
- Ad-Hoc Meeting
 - Ad-Hoc Meeting if needed, under companies' proposal.





Budget of the Gas Centre

- Around 25 companies in the Gas Centre
- 382'400 USD in 2012
- 376'900 USD in 2013
- 2 new companies will join in 2013:
KazMunaiGaz (Kazakhstan) and
AKWAGROUP/Afriquia Gaz Morocco
- Egas will be as an observer in 2013.





Thank you for your attention!

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