



Impact of the liberalization of the natural gas markets on gas demand and prices



Liberalization of energy markets

<i>Original goals</i>	<i>Current results</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role of market in reduction of prices for end consumers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Significant energy prices growth in 2000 - 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Freedom to choose an energy supplier	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Takeover of small gas suppliers by large energy companies and formation of oligopolistic market
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increasing the energy business transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slight improvement of energy business transparency for investors
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy independence and security of supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhanced dependence on suppliers, increase of international competition for energy resources supply
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Enhancing secure and efficient functioning of the energy sector</i>	<p>?</p>



Study challenges

The major role of energy markets in the 21 century is ensuring security of energy supplies to end consumers

- Has markets liberalization provided for the enhanced security of supplies?
- What are the main current results of market liberalization and major obstacles to reach the set goals?





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Major goals

- Analysis of the current state and future prospects of the energy market development
- Determination of the relationship between free market, market prices, sustainable supplies and efficient energy use
- Finding of mechanisms of improvement of energy markets functioning





Study methods

- Specialized Questionnaire for energy and gas experts
- Office research – analysis of statistical data and information on gas sector of different countries
- Field research – site visits and examination of liberalization impact on work of separate companies
- Consultations with the international experts



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Thematic structure of Questionnaire

- Analysis of current results of the gas markets in Europe
- Analysis of impact of the liberalization of the natural gas markets on gas demand and prices
- Determination of possible relations between liberalization, prices and energy use efficiency
- Evaluation of the world financial crisis impact on the liberalization
- Forecast of future prospects of the European energy markets





Study timetable

- **Development of draft Questionnaire**
 - » December 2008
- **Review and approval of draft Questionnaire by the international experts**
 - » December 2008 – January 2009
- **Distribution of Questionnaire and gathering of information**
 - » January 2009 – April 2009
- **Analysis of collected data**
 - » May – September 2009
- **Preparation of draft Study report and making of conclusions**
 - » October – December 2009
- **Presentation of the Study results**
 - » January 2010





Questions for discussion

- Should the Study concentrate on gas market or consider the whole energy market?
- Should more attention be paid to relationship between the process of liberalization and Kyoto protocol issues?
- Should the Study consider the world financial crisis impact on the future of energy markets?



***THANK YOU FOR
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