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THE EUROPEAN UNION OF THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY

Main Activities of Eurogas during 2007

- Preparation of Position Papers on the internal gas market, also on the issue of gas and sustainability.
- Response to ERGEG Consultations on, among others, Secondary Markets, Calculation of Available Capacities, Gas Regional Initiative Coherence and Convergence.
- Participation in the three Gas Regional Initiatives of ERGEG, and other regulatory forums.
- Participation in the EU-Russia dialogue process, co-operation with the Russian Gas Society.
- Participation in the Commission organized Gas Co-ordination Group and involvement in the Energy Community process.

Preparation of a Long-Term Outlook to 2030

- Eurogas expects natural gas in EU 27 to reach 30% of primary energy consumption.
- Natural gas consumption is expected to increase from 438 mtoe in 2005 to 625 mtoe in 2030 – an increase of 43%.
- It is not until 2015 that a substantial gap emerges between demand and the supplies coming from European production or imported from outside Europe.

Work Programme Items for 2008

- A new Position Paper on Sustainability and a brochure. Evaluating the EU's Green Package on Renewables and Emissions Trading.
- Working to improve the EU's Third Energy Market Package. Current activity focused on working with the European Parliament.
- Continuing work on regulatory questions – improved infrastructure access regime, services for system users, and also customer focus questions.
- Continuing involvement in the producer-consumer dialogues and security of supply related activities.