

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

the UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
(hereinafter referred to as UNECE)

and

the INTERNATIONAL GAS UNION
(hereinafter referred to as IGU)

on the collection and exchange of data from underground gas storage (UGS) domain
in Europe and Central Asia

Article I

1. The Underground Gas Storage Working Group of the United Nation Economic Commission for Europe, hereinafter referred to as **UNUGS** and the Working Committee 2-Study Group 2.1 of the International Gas Union, hereinafter referred to as **IGU21** agree to cooperate closely on collection of technical, economic and financial data and information of importance on the current status and prospects of underground gas storage industry in Europe and Central Asia.
2. UNUGS and IGU21 also agree on a systematic exchange of the collected information and data mentioned in Article II, paragraph 2 of this agreement.
3. Within IGU, IGU21 had developed a UGS worldwide database already in the 9 years and is in charge of updating the UGS database [database on underground gas storage] . IGU21 updates the database every three years.
4. Within UNECE, UNUGS is in charge of the conduct of a Study on Gas storage in Europe and Central Asia and collecting UGS data. UNUGS plans to update the database under development (on the European and Central Asian area) every three years.
5. For carrying out this Study, UNUGS needs the data included in the current IGU21 database published by IGU21 in 2009 based on triennium 2006-2009 for pre-filling the UNUGS questionnaire and facilitating the answers of the companies and bodies when answering the UNUGS questionnaire on the on-line survey.

Article II

1. UNUGS will make available all its collected data from all Chapters of its current study on Underground Gas Storage in Europe and Central Asia to IGU21.
2. Before making the data available to IGU21, UNUGS will inspect and approve the data in close cooperation with its member States and participating companies.
3. The process of the exchange of data will be documented.
4. IGU will have free access to the UNUGS database on underground gas storage, on the condition that the use of the UNUGS data and information is duly acknowledged in the IGU21 reports, presentations and other documents and publications.
5. Given that the UNUGS intends to produce every three years an update of the situation in underground gas storage domain in Europe and Central Asia and UNUGS has the

right of first publication of these data collected by UNUGS, IGU21 is entitled to receive all relevant data from UNUGS on request before the publication of respective UNUGS updates.

6. UNUGS shall retain ownership of all data and information collected through its online survey and other means.

Article III

1. IGU21 will make available all its existing data on underground gas storage relevant for the UNUGS current study on Underground Gas Storage in Europe and Central Asia and its possible updates to UNUGS.
2. Before making the data available to UNUGS, IGU21 will inspect and approve the data in close cooperation with its participating companies.
3. The process of the exchange of data will be documented.
4. UNUGS will have free access to the IGU21 database on underground gas storage on the condition that the use of the IGU21 data and information is duly acknowledged in UNUGS reports, presentations and other documents and publications.
5. Given that the IGU21 produces every three years an update of the situation in underground gas storage domain worldwide and IGU21 has the right of first publication of these data, UNUGS is entitled to receive all relevant data from IGU21 on request before the publication of respective IGU21 updates.
6. IGU shall retain ownership of all data and information collected through its online survey and other means.

Article IV

1. A committee composed of UNUGS and IGU21 members will oversee and facilitate the exchange of the data and information mentioned in Article I and the procedure according Articles II and III of this agreement and will be tasked with finding solutions to any related problems.
2. Once a year the respective UNUGS and IGU21 members of the committee will report to the UNECE Working Party on Gas and to the IGU WOC 2, respectively.

Article V

1. UNUGS and IGU21 agree to resolve all possible disagreements which might arise from the implementation of this cooperation agreement by direct communication, negotiation and consensual means.
2. In case that UNUGS and IGU21 are not able to resolve any disagreements as stated under Article V, paragraph 1 of this agreement, they will resort to arbitration. Each party would nominate a member of the Arbitration Panel while they would nominate jointly the third and independent member.
3. Disagreements shall be resolved by arbitration in accordance with the rules of United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

Article VI

1. This cooperation agreement is made for the initial period of three years (2010-2012).
2. This cooperation agreement is extended automatically for another year unless one of the parties notifies the other party in writing of its withdrawal from the cooperation agreement at least 6 months before the expiration of the agreement validity.

Article VII

1. This cooperation agreement is made in two originals in the English language.

Signed in Geneva, 17 November 2010

For UNECE


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Jan Kubiš
Executive Secretary

For IGU


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Hélène Giouse
WOC2 Chairperson