

**Joint notice
of
TAP, SRG and DESFA
for the
2019 Incremental Capacity Process
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Introduction

This is a Joint Notice in accordance with Article 28 (3) of Regulation (EU) No 2017/459 of 16 March 2017.

This Joint Notice initiates the Binding Phase of the 2019 Market Test (Incremental Capacity Process) at 5 (five) Interconnection Points (IPs) along the route of the Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP), being: Kipoi (TR-GR), Nea Mesimvria (GR), Korca (AL), Fier (AL), and Melendugno (IT).

In particular, the Incremental Capacity Project comprises the following:

- Incremental capacity offered jointly by TAP and SRG at the IP of Melendugno as a bundled capacity product.
- Incremental capacity offered jointly by TAP and DESFA at the IP of Nea Mesimvria as a bundled capacity product.
- Incremental capacity offered by TAP at the IPs of Kipoi, Korca, Fier as unbundled capacity products on the TAP side of the IP.¹



This Incremental Capacity Process is carried out jointly by Snam Rete Gas (SRG), Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) and the Operator of the National Natural Gas Transmission system of Greece (DESFA). The Incremental Capacity Project is primarily driven by potential increases of the technical capacity at IPs along the TAP pipeline route and also, where relevant, infrastructure upgrades at the systems of the adjacent TSOs. Through this incremental process additional natural gas flows from the Greek-Turkish border will potentially reach the markets of Greece, Albania and Italy.

The purpose of this Joint Notice is to provide high level procedural details to Participants about participation in the Binding Phase of the 2019 Incremental Capacity Process and inform on how to access details on the registration and submission of Binding Bids to TAP, SRG and DESFA, as applicable.

¹ It is the responsibility of the Participant to initiate any procedures that may be necessary for capacity to be made available upstream and downstream of TAP.

The 2019 Market Test is structured in 2 (two) parts: (i) a non-binding phase (started on 1 July 2019 and lasting until the opening of the Binding Phase)) and (ii) the (current) Binding Phase initiated by the publication of this Joint Notice and the respective notices of each of the TSOs concerned (***TSO Specific Binding Phase Notices***).

During the non-binding phase, interested parties submitted non-binding requests to TAP, SRG and DESFA. The non-binding capacity and connection requests that were received have been published in an aggregated manner jointly by TAP, SRG and DESFA in their Demand Assessment Report (DAR).

The Binding Phase process is subject to the terms and conditions of the Project Proposal developed jointly by TAP, SRG and DESFA and approved by the National Regulatory Authorities (Authorities) of Italy (ARERA), Greece (RAE) and Albania (ERE) in May 2021 (the **Project Proposal**). Capacity allocation during the Binding Phase shall take place according to the Alternative Allocation Mechanism of Article 30 of EU NC CAM.

The Binding Phase of the 2019 Market Test is open to all Participants, irrespective of their participation in the non-binding phase.

The Participants wishing to submit Binding Bids under this Market Test shall do so under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Project Proposal and are also required to follow the procedural rules as laid out in respective documentation (e.g. notices of TAP, SRG and DESFA).

Milestones

The Binding Phase will commence with the publication of the Project Proposal (as approved by the Authorities) together with this Joint Notice and the respective Binding Phase Notice(s) on the websites of TAP, SRG and DESFA. The TSO Specific Binding Phase Notices complement the Joint Notice by making available a list of relevant documentation that needs to be submitted by the Applicants for their registration, the procedure and the respective deadline for submission of such documentation to each TSO.

Parties interested in participating in the Binding Bidding Phase are requested to register with the concerned TSOs as an Applicant in order to participate in the Binding Bidding Phase according to the rules and conditions set in the Project Proposal and the procedure specified in each TSO Specific Binding Phase Notice:

- TAP (available [here](#))²
- SRG (available [here](#))
- DESFA (available [here](#))

In a Bid Submission Window which will last from 17 to 20 July 2021, the parties interested in

² For the sake of clarity, we insert here the links as well

TAP: [Market tests > Trans Adriatic Pipeline \(TAP\) \(tap-ag.com\)](#)

SRG: [2019 incremental capacity procedure \(snam.it\)](#)

DESFA: [Incremental Capacity Process 2019-2021 with TAP & SRG - desfa.gr](#)

participating in the Binding Bidding Phase will be required to submit Binding Bids from 17 July 2021 to 20 July 2021. Please see respective TSO Specific Binding Phase Notices for the content of the Binding Bids.

Following the end of the Bid Submission Window, TAP, SRG and DESFA will proceed with bid evaluation, Preliminary Capacity Allocation and the Economic Viability Test (**EVT**), entering into Gas Transportation Agreements (**GTAs**) with the successful Participants.

Milestones Timeline

Milestones	Dates
Launch of Binding Phase/Publication of the Joint Notice	17 May 2021
1. Information Phase	17 May 2021 - 17 July 2021
TAP/SRG/DESFA make available a list of documentation to be submitted to each TSO	17 May 2021
Registration Period	17 May - 23 June 2021
TAP/SRG/DESFA evaluate the applicants' eligibility	24 June – 17 July
2. Binding Bidding Phase	17 July – 30 September 2021
Bid Submission Window	17 July - 20 July 2021
Bid Evaluation Period	21 July – 31 July 2021
Preliminary Capacity Allocation ³	01 August - 30 August 2021
Economic Viability Test Results published	31 August 2021
3. Capacity Allocation	31 August 2021
4. Execution of GTAs	30 September 2021

Final remarks

Please refer to the Project Proposal for further details including:

- References to contractual information including the general rules and conditions that a network user must accept to participate and access capacity in the binding capacity allocation phase of the incremental capacity process, including any collaterals to be provided by network users;

³ If during the Preliminary Capacity Allocation TAP reaches a preliminary conclusion of a negative EVT result, TAP may enter into discussions with Participants for a revision of their Binding Bids, with the purpose of yielding a positive EVT, in accordance with Section 3.3.1(d) TAP Tariff Code. TAP will also proceed to inform the Authorities of the negative EVT result. Depending on decisions of the Authorities, the preliminary capacity allocation period may (as an indicative, non-binding estimate) be extended by up to 4 months, as follows: according to Section 4.1.8 of the FJO, in case the EVT is negative, TAP is obliged to demonstrate this situation to the Authorities within one month following the closing date of the market test. If so requested by the Authorities, TAP will provide an opinion by an independent third party. In case such an opinion is requested, the one-month timeline is extended by two months. The Authorities will then decide on the economic viability of the expansion within one month following receipt of TAP's argumentation / from the receipt of the independent opinion.

- Information on offer levels, reflecting the range of expected demand for incremental capacity at the relevant interconnection points;
- Further specifics on detailed timelines of the incremental capacity project per respective TSO;
- the relevant parameters defined in Article 22(1) of CAM NC;
- regulatory details including products, and the use of alternative allocation mechanism.