

PRESS RELEASE

ERSE launches public consultation within the scope of the European network code for gas transmission tariffs

In the context of harmonising European gas market rules, Member States must conduct periodic consultation processes on transmission tariff structures for gas. After the initial implementation of the Tariff Network Code in 2019, ERSE launches the second periodic consultation on this matter, proposing to maintain the reference price methodology, adopted in 2019.

ERSE – Energy Services Regulatory Authority, within the scope of the process of harmonizing the rules of the European gas market, launches the second periodic consultation under Article 26 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/460, of 16 March 2017, which establishes a network code on harmonised transmission tariff structures for gas, also known as the Tariff Network Code. This European network code defines the rules on the application of a reference price methodology and consultation requirements, among other rules.

More specifically, Articles 26 to 28 of the Tariff Network Code define consultation requirements for gas transmission tariffs, including the timetable for periodic consultations provided for in Article 26, which must occur at least every five years, and which must remain open for at least two months. Subsequently, within one month after the end of the consultation, a document summarising these comments must be published. The European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) will subsequently have an additional month to analyse the consultation and present non-binding comments. Finally, within five months from the end of the public consultation, the national regulatory authority must publish a motivated decision on all required elements.

This new periodic consultation process presents minor differences compared to the previous motivated decision, and will take effect as of gas year 2024-2025. The proposal maintains the current reference price methodology, although subject to updated parameters, which affect the resulting tariff structure.

The public consultation runs until December 4, 2023, and includes documentation in Portuguese and English.

Access the documents in [Public Consultations](#).

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