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# Assessment of Gas Supply Security Risks and Gas System Safeguard Procedure Setting Methodology.

## Natural Gas Storage Regulation and the Effects to Consumers

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- *Are regional assessments of gas supply security plans developed? Who is responsible for plan development and supervision?*

Responsible ministry issued in 2023 a new preventive action plan for natural gas.

*Does the legislation set obligatory gas reserve amount? Any other duties to market participants?*

- ✓ *In the law is set a legal obligation to keep 2 TWh NG reserve amount. Every two years, the responsible authority shall reassess the relevant volume.*
- ✓ *Additional reserve for vulnerable customers 0,136 TWh.*

# Gas Supply risks

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According to preventiv plan PUC are responsible for:

- ✓ **supports** the efficient work of natural gas supply companies
- ✓ **checks** the operation of natural gas transmission, distribution, and storage facilities
- ✓ **ensures** compliance with natural gas quality standards
- ✓ **helps investigate** accidents in natural gas supply systems and at energy supply companies
- ✓ **provides monthly reports** to the Ministry of Economics on fuel security reserves
- ✓ **promotes the use of** local and renewable energy sources

# Natural Gas Storage Regulation and the Effects to Consumers

- ✓ *In Latvia is one storage operator - 24 TWh.*
- ✓ *From April 2026 no more regulated storage tariffs. The rules of use of the system have remained the responsibility of the Regulator. Most important changes:*
  - ✓ *New long-term product (5y) and auction principal with regulator approved starting price for next two year.*
  - ✓ *No more 2-year product.*
  - ✓ *Special rules for the transfer of natural gas from one season to next season.*

# Natural Gas Storage Regulation

## - Solidarity

- *How does natural gas storage regulation address cross-border issues, such as the interconnection of storage facilities and the harmonization of regulatory frameworks?*
- ✓ New product for system users – solidarity product
- ✓ According to amendments in Energy law maximum 4 TWh are allocated to solidarity product.
- ✓ The price is fixed till 2030 – 1,33 EUR/MWh.
- ✓ The Ministry of Climate and Energy approves the volume allocation to each country.
- ✓ To the solidarity amount can be applied Member States of the European Union, with which an agreement has been concluded on solidarity measures for the protection of gas supply security and the countries of the unified natural gas transmission entry-exit system.



**THANK YOU  
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# Topic description

## as per 2024-2026 workplan

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This roundtable will conduct a regional assessment of gas supply security risks and develop comprehensive mitigation strategies. The session should include elaboration by Transmission System Operators (TSOs) on backup plans (safeguard plans) that detail preventive and corrective measures to address potential disturbances causing gas system failures. These plans are to be approved by regulatory authorities. The discussion will cover the methodology for setting the plan, the data used, and the organization of the measures provided. Additionally, the session shall explore the implications of aggregating EU gas demand and joint gas purchases, focusing on how these strategies could directly and indirectly affect final consumers by leveraging collective purchasing power to negotiate better prices.