

NEWSLETTER OF GME – New issue

Rome, June 15, 2015 – The new issue of the Newsletter of Gestore dei Mercati Energetici (GME) is online and can be downloaded from the Website www.mercatoelettrico.org.

The newsletter starts with a speech by Mr. Tommaso Franci and Mrs. Donatella Bobbio of REF-E on the downstream and end-use of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).

"The development of the chain of distribution and end-use of LNG, to date almost completely absent in Italy, is becoming an issue on the agenda of the national energy policy, including the deadlines set by Directive 2014/94/EU for promotion of alternative fuels – Mr. Franci and Mrs. Bobbio explain. LNG is in fact one of the alternative fuels that the EU intends to promote to reduce the consumption of petroleum products and achieve the decarbonisation targets in the transport sector".

The recent notice by the Commission on EU energy strategy dated February 26, 2015 - the two experts of REF-E remind, *"in particular, relates to two initiatives involving the LNG supply chain",* that is, *"the definition by 2016 of a specific EU strategy in the LNG sector for the purposes of the objectives of security and diversification of supply" and "the establishment by 2017 of an action plan for decarbonising in the transport sector that will include the uses of LNG among its skilling content for sea transport and the heavy earth one".*

The main requirement under the Directive involves the implementation by each country of a *"national strategic framework" for the development of alternative fuels market in the transport sector and the construction of related infrastructure* - Mr. Franci and Mrs. Bobbio stress. *The Directive must be implemented by November 18, 2016."*

On this front, the Italian government has already started in 2014 *"an important route, through the establishment of a National Coordination Group, aimed at drawing up a study on the regulatory, technical and economic aspects, as well as those relating to safety and the social impact related to the use of LNG in shipping and road transport limited to heavy transport (trucks, buses, trains), with the aim of preparing the PNS-GNL, in line with Directive 2014/94 EU, in order to give timely implementation"* - the analysts of REF-E emphasize - stating that the work of the coordination group was articulated on one side across the board (authorization, supply and storage, social



acceptability and disclosure, security of storage and distribution) and in sectorial way (naval transport, heavy transport on land, industrial and civil use and light trucks). "The first phase of definition of the PNS-LNG will end by June with the preparation of a draft document by the MSE, followed by a period of public consultation. The implementation of the PNS-LNG with requirements appropriate to the changing policies and the market in this sector - Mr. Franci and Mrs. Bobbio conclude - could be a strong encouragement for the active participation of the country-system in the process of defining a LNG strategy for EU by 2016, as recently announced by the Commission".

The new issue comes with the usual technical commentaries on the markets and national and European power and environmental exchanges, the section devoted to the analysis of the performance of the Italian gas market and the analysis section on trends in Europe, which examines the trends of the main European commodity markets.

GME's new publication also reports the summary data of the electricity market for May 2015.

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