

EU Energy Platform: Presentation of AggregateEU

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Agenda

- Introduction & update on AggregateEU
- Company cooperation
- Financial aspects
- Contracting and transparency
- Questions and discussion

Update on AggregateEU



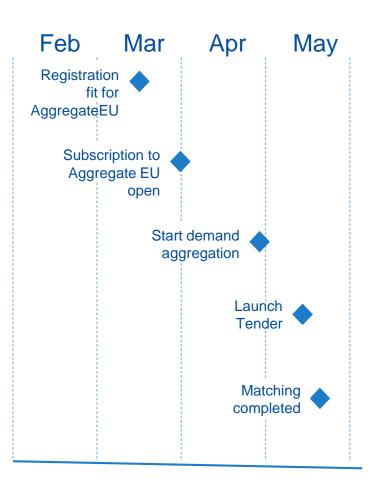
Update on AggregateEU: Timing

Ongoing

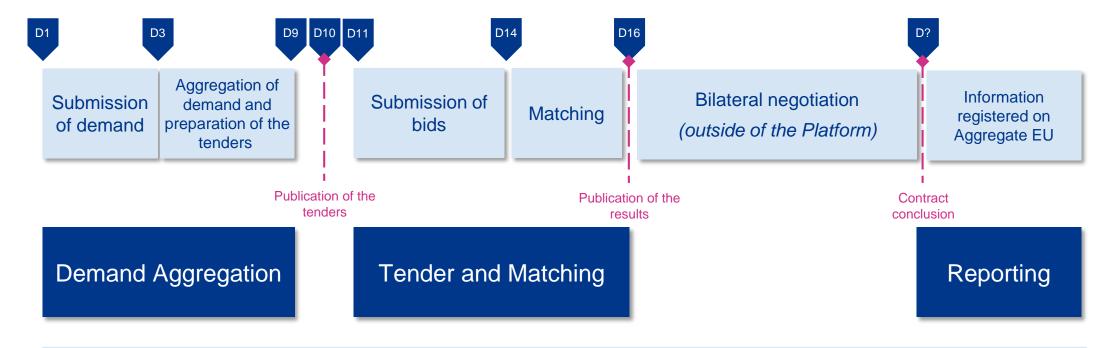
- Registrations to PRISMA Platform
- Subscriptions to AggregateEU
 - indicate if buyer/seller. You can subscribe as both but not in one tender
 - intended location where to sell/buy
 - indicate financial instruments available to counterparties (if any)
 - declaration on honour
- Call for interest as "Agent on Behalf" and "Central Buyer"

Upcoming

- > 25 April: 1st demand aggregation round
- May: 1st tender completed



Process for each tender



Demand aggregation and tendering every two months

Available products



Products

- LNG delivery in two areas North-West and South-East (idem ACER)
- Can go to any terminal in the areas
- Useful link: What is LNG?:
 AggregateEU (prisma-capacity.eu)

Minimum quantity

300 GWh (1/3 of a cargo)



- Delivery on national markets
- 26 national balancing points (NBPs) are covered
- Useful link: What is NBP?:
 AggregateEU (prisma-capacity.eu)

• 5 GWh / month

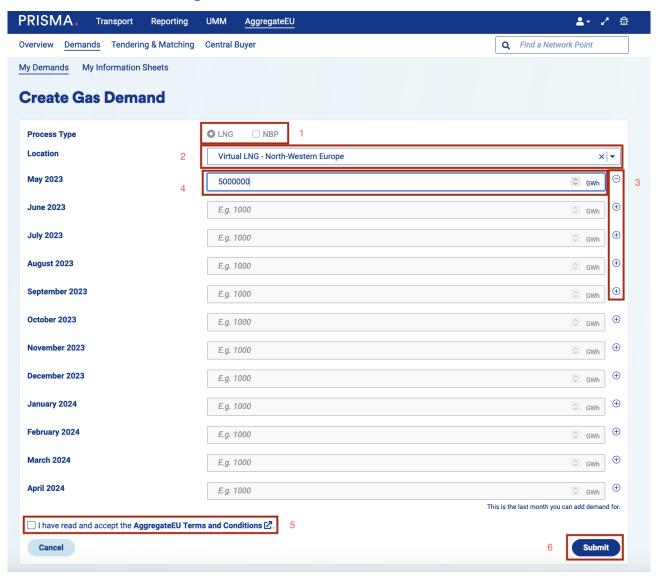
Duration

For both products, buyers can:

- submit demand for a range of maximum 12 consecutive months
- submit demand as of M+2 months (e.g. in May for July)

Multiple tendering rounds will be performed

AggregateEU in practice



Models for company cooperation



Company cooperation: key elements

Added value

 Facilitate access to AggregateEU for companies below the minimum demand, with limited expertise or credit worthiness.

Principles

- Voluntary and temporary
- Non-exclusive (other forms of cooperation can be discussed)

Condition

Compliance with competition rules

Company cooperation: two models

Central Buyer

One company - the Central Buyer centralises the demand for a group of smaller buyers (buys, negotiates, etc.)

Demand submitted by

Concept

Central Buyer for the group of buyers

Contracts

- Between
 - Seller and Central Buyer
 - Central Buyer and each of the smaller buyers

Other key elements

- Competition law requirements
- Either a seller or a buyer in one tender

Agent on Behalf

- One company the **Agent on Behalf**sells services to buyers (transportation, balancing, etc.)
 - Buyers individually (standard process)

- Between
 - Sellers and buyers
 - Agent on behalf and buyers (covering only the relevant services)
- Agent on Behalf does not take title of the gas

Acting as Central Buyer or Agent on Behalf

Relevant actors

- Companies with the ability to arrange one or more of the following:
 - > regasification of LNG purchased F.O.B. vessel
 - profiling of large lumps of LNG into monthly baseload products, suitable to meet typical consumption needs or to be traded in the market
 - making the gas available in the market area where it will be consumed
 - shipping gas through several National Balancing Areas (from one Virtual Trading Point to another), including acting as balance responsible party
 - ensuring storage of gas

What to do

Express your interest on PRISMA website to be listed

Benefiting from Central Buyer or Agent on Behalf services

Central Buyer

- No need to register and subscribe, Central Buyer does it for you
- You engage in a contract only with the Central Buyer for the gas and for the services you may need
- You indicate your demand to the Central Buyer, who procures for you
- What to do: find a central buyer and, optionally, contact companies with whom you may want to group demand.

Agent on Behalf

- You still need to register on PRISMA and subscribe to AggregateEU
- You get direct access to sellers and purchase only the services you need from the Agent on Behalf
- What to do: contact an Agent on Behalf

Financial aspects



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Issue

 Counterparts will request instruments to mitigate risk of nonpayment by buyers or risk of non-delivery by sellers

Role of AggregateEU

Collect information about available financial instruments

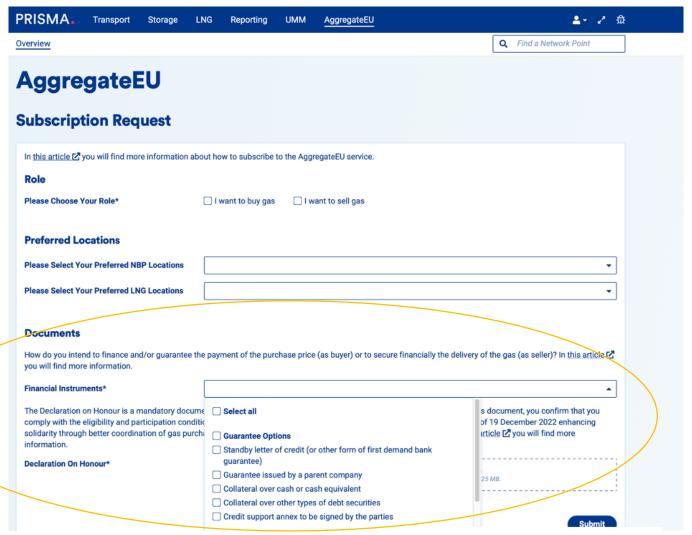
Potential support

- AggregateEU will list public financial information that may support certain buyers
- Useful link: What Are Financial Instruments? : AggregateEU (prismacapacity.eu)

Next steps

- Contact your commercial banks
- If relevant, contact one of financial institutions listed on AggregateEU (see details on the website)

Financial aspects in practice



Example: potential support from EBRD

- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) may support certain buyers
- Gas supplies must be for one of the EBRD's countries of operations (list below)

How to contact EBRD

- Email to: <u>EU-ENERGY-PLATFORM-FINANCING@ec.europa.eu</u> with
 - Name and place of incorporation
 - Ultimate beneficial owner(s)
 - Destination of the gas
 - > **Estimated amount** of the requested financial support;

EU Energy Platform will forward your request to the EBRD

EU

- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Estonia
- Greece
- Hungary

- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Poland
- Romania
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia

Energy Community

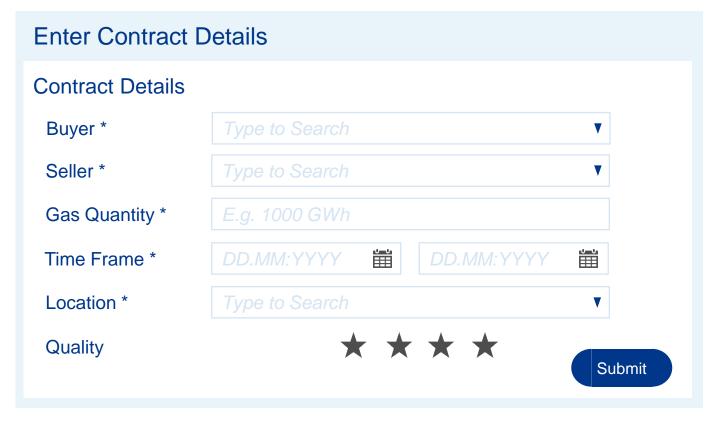
- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Georgia
- Kosovo
- Moldova
- Montenegro

- North Macedonia
- Serbia

Contracting and transparency



Contracting and Transparency



Negotiation between potential Buyer(s) and Seller(s) is done outside AggregateEU Platform

Concluded contracts must be reported by the Buyers to DG ENER via AggregateEU. Contractual parties will have to report:

- Counterparties
- Gas Quantity
- Time Frame
- Location
- Quality qualitative assessment of the competitiveness of the contract (optional)

Illustrative example

AggregateEU will provide this information to DG ENER. Other obligations, such as REMIT obligations, will have to be fulfilled directly by the contractual parties.

Useful links

EU Energy Platform (europa.eu):

https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/energy-security/eu-energy-platform_en

<u>AggregateEU – questions and answers (europa.eu):</u>

https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/energy-security/eu-energy-platform/aggregateeu-questions-and-answers_en

AggregateEU Hub: PRISMA Capacity Platform (prisma-capacity.eu)

1st step: Registration on Prisma (prisma-capacity.eu):

https://app.prisma-capacity.eu/registration/wizard/start

2nd step: Subscription to AggregateEU (prisma-capacity.eu):

https://app.prisma-capacity.eu/platform/#/start

Additional questions - <u>EU-ENERGY-PLATFORM@ec.europa.eu</u>
Request for financial support - <u>EU-ENERGY-PLATFORM-FINANCING@ec.europa.eu*</u>
(subject to conditions set out on AggregateEU)

Questions and Answers



Thank you

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