**To****Users of the gas transmission network of  
Bulgartransgaz EAD**

**SUBJECT:** *INVITATION FOR THE SHIPPERS DAY EVENT ON 22 MAY 2024 IN ATHENS, GREECE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE BINDING PHASE OF THE PROJECTS FOR INCREMENTAL CAPACITY ALONG THE VERTICAL GAS CORRIDOR*

**DEAR SIR/MADAM,**

On 2 May 2024, Bulgartransgaz EAD published on its website joint notices with DESFA S.A. (Greece), Transgaz S.A. (Romania) and ICGB AD for the binding phase of the incremental capacity process respectively at IP Kulata/Sidirikastro, IP Negru voda 1/Kardam and IP Stara Zagora.

The incremental capacity projects planned by Bulgartransgaz EAD are a key part of the Vertical Gas Corridor initiative of the transmission system operators Bulgartransgaz EAD, DESFA S.A., ICGB AD, Gastrade S.A., Transgaz S.A., FGSZ Ltd., Eustream a.s., Gas TSO of Ukraine LLC and VestMoldTransgaz S.R.L. The implementation of these projects will be essential for the development of the natural gas market and ensuring the security of supply and the diversification of natural gas supplies for the countries of South-Eastern, Eastern and Central Europe.

We would like to hereby invite you to take part in the Shippers Day event on 22 May. The Shippers Day is organised jointly by the operators who are signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding in relation to the Vertical Gas Corridor initiative (VGC).

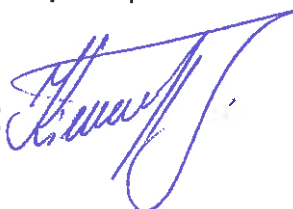
The host of the event will be DESFA S.A. and will be held in a hybrid format (online and in person) at 10:00 – 15:30 (EET) on 22 May 2024 in Amarilia hotel, Agiou Nikolaou str., Vouliagmeni, Athens, Greece.

At the event, the gas operators will present detailed information on the binding phase of the incremental capacity process launched by the operators in May and the conditions for registration and participation, as well as on the planned infrastructure expansion projects along the Vertical Corridor.

You can request your participation in the Shippers Day by completing an electronic request form on: <https://www.eventora.com/en/Events/VerticalCorridorInitiativeMay2024>.

The language of the event will be English.

We look forward to your participation in this important event.

**Yours sincerely,****KIRIL RAVNACHKI**  
*Executive Director*A blue ink signature of Kiril Ravnachki, written in a cursive style.

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