

E-Control consultation Establishing a virtual interconnection point at Baumgarten



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The EFET¹ Task Force Central and South Eastern Europe thanks for the opportunity to respond to the consultation on the implementation concept for a virtual interconnection point (VIP) at Baumgarten. As a general note, EFET welcomes the proposal and the detailed description of the VIP concept, in particular the analysis of the difficulties with regard to the congestion management.

Though, we propose to introduce a VIP TSO who is responsible for marketing and settlement of the VIP capacities. This would lead to the situation that shippers do not have to decide at which TSO they have to book the VIP and therefore do not have to double check two times GTC, financial securities etc.

However, we would like to point out following aspect:

There is no clear explanation why a VIP to Germany is not seen. Even if it is not possible to merge Oberkappel and Überackern, at least separate VIPs could be established:

- VIP Oberkappel: on German side 2 TSO
- VIP Überackern comprising Überackern 1/ABG (OGE/bayernets) and Überackern 2/SUDAL(bayernets).

If not we would like to receive information regarding the technical constraints preventing an introduction of such VIPs.

If the above suggested option is not possible to establish, a statement should be made whether the congestion will be removed with the completion of the MONACO pipeline, that a later VIP formation is possible.

We thank you for your kind attention and remain available for further comments.

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