

Actions Taken Following Market Feedback

Amber Gas Corridor Market Survey

41 market participants shared their views

The survey was conducted from 19 February to 6 March 2026 to identify market needs and improvement opportunities for gas transportation from the Inkoo and Klaipėda LNG terminals through the Baltic and Polish transmission systems towards Ukraine and other Central and Eastern European markets.

The Amber Gas Corridor partners reviewed the feedback received and agreed on practical measures to improve route competitiveness, transparency, coordination and accessibility. The main actions and next steps are summarised below.

01 Capacity and route booking simplification

SHIPPERS' EXPECTATIONS

Market participants requested simpler route access, sufficient capacity across all interconnection points, secure long-term capacity booking options, bundled capacity products covering the entire route and closer alignment between LNG terminal, storage and transmission capacity booking.

Actions and results

- Corridor partners reviewed long-term capacity needs and the current booking arrangements along the route.
- The review confirmed that the current booking model is functioning effectively:
 - long-term capacity products are already available at the Kiemena and Santaka interconnection points and
 - at Balticconnector, capacity is allocated through an implicit allocation model within the integrated Finnish-Baltic gas market, ensuring efficient capacity utilisation and free gas flows across the region. Based on previous assessments and market consultations, TSOs do not currently see sufficient demand or benefits to justify the introduction of long-term capacity products. This assessment may be reviewed should there be significant changes in market conditions or customer demand in the future.
- Corridor partners are assessing opportunities to simplify capacity booking across interconnection points, LNG terminals and storage facilities. Once capacity products and booking rules are sufficiently aligned, operators will assess whether booking platforms could support a coordinated booking form enabling shippers to request capacity at multiple points through a single interface.
- Route-based transmission products covering the entire corridor are not currently envisaged, as capacity is allocated under the European entry-exit market model, whereby shippers book transmission capacity independently at entry and exit points rather than across an entire route.

NEXT STEP Once capacity products and booking rules are sufficiently aligned, operators will assess whether booking platforms could support a coordinated multi-point capacity view or booking form

02 Tariff competitiveness and predictability

SHIPPERS' EXPECTATIONS

Market participants highlighted competitive route costs and clearer information on tariffs across LNG terminals and transmission systems.

Actions and results

- The cost competitiveness of the Amber Gas Corridor improves further in 2027, supported by lower tariffs along the route: the Inkeo LNG terminal regasification tariff is 20% lower, GAZ-SYSTEM transmission tariffs are approximately 19% lower at the Poland-Lithuania entry point and 14% at the Poland-Ukraine exit point, while the Amber Grid exit tariffs at Lithuania-Poland/Lithuania-Latvia interconnections points are approximately 21% lower.
- Participating operators apply calendar-year tariff periods, providing a consistent reference period across the corridor.
- Enhanced tariff transparency: while future tariff levels depend on factors such as gas flows, network utilisation and regulatory decisions, corridor partners will continue providing information on key tariff drivers and links to official tariff publications to support better planning and decision-making.

NEXT STEP Corridor partners will provide concise information on the main factors affecting tariff setting and links to the official tariff publications of each operator.

03 Regulatory requirements and access to the Polish market

SHIPPERS' EXPECTATIONS

Market participants requested clearer information on licensing, storage obligations and the practical requirements for entering the Polish gas market.

Actions and results

- GAZ-SYSTEM reviewed the issues raised by market participants against the applicable legal and regulatory requirements.
- Licensing and storage obligations are established by Polish legislation and remain subject to decisions by the competent authorities.
- The storage obligation rules are currently discussed on high political level and may be changed in mid-term future.
- It was agreed that practical information for shippers on the licensing process should be made easier to access.

NEXT STEP GAZ-SYSTEM will provide to NRA the need of market about guidance on the steps required to obtain a licence, in English-language together with links to relevant official information.

04 Maintenance and capacity coordination

SHIPPERS' EXPECTATIONS

Market participants requested earlier information on maintenance works that could affect interconnection points and route capacity.

Actions and results

- Corridor partners agreed to advance regional maintenance coordination and communication activities in response to market feedback. Baltic-Finnish TSOs already coordinate maintenance planning through an established regional cooperation process. Maintenance activities affecting capacities at interconnection points are published as a consolidated regional maintenance schedule by 30 June. Amber Grid will initiate annual coordination with GAZ-SYSTEM to identify works that may affect the Santaka interconnection point and include this information in the regional maintenance planning process.
- The revised regional coordination approach will be applied during the 2027 maintenance planning cycle.
- Operators will review their internal maintenance planning and execution processes to identify opportunities to further reduce maintenance durations and their impact on capacity availability.

NEXT STEP Operators will align and advance their internal maintenance planning and coordination timelines with the objective of bringing forward publication of the coordinated regional maintenance schedule and related UMM notifications from the current end-of-June timeline by approximately one month.

05 Balancing and transmission rules

SHIPPERS' EXPECTATIONS

Market participants requested harmonized balancing rules across the Corridor, clearer English-language information on balancing, transmission rules and practical onboarding requirements across the corridor.

Actions and results

- Corridor operators reviewed the regional balancing arrangements. The main rules are already broadly harmonised through EU network codes, remaining differences are mainly linked to each market liquidity and national regulatory frameworks.
- Operators prepared a Practical Shippers' Guide for the Amber Gas Corridor ([Amber Gas Corridor | Amber Grid](#)). It will consolidate key requirements, processes and operator links in English.

NEXT STEP Corridor operators will maintain and regularly update the Practical Shippers' Guide to reflect current requirements and ensure easy access through their websites.

06 Edig@s, AS4 and nomination processes

SHIPPERS' EXPECTATIONS

Market participants requested more standardised nomination processes and further harmonisation of IT communication across the route.

Actions and results

- Transmission system operators prepared a draft mapping of current IT systems and data exchange arrangements across the Amber Gas Corridor.
- The mapping provides a common basis for identifying harmonisation opportunities and areas that require further assessment.
- Potential measures will be assessed against their expected benefits, implementation complexity and investment requirements.

NEXT STEP Transmission system operators and LNG terminal operators will review the mapping and agree the priority areas and preliminary implementation timeline.

Looking ahead

The Amber Gas Corridor partners will continue working together to improve the transparency, accessibility and competitiveness of cross-border gas transportation. Progress updates and supporting materials will be published as the agreed actions are completed.

Thank you to all market participants who contributed to the survey. Your feedback helps the corridor partners focus on practical improvements that support efficient and reliable gas transportation across the region.