



problems related to national approaches to security of supply result mainly from the design of the Regulation or its application.

**(2) Clarify options and impacts on different groups of Member States.** When describing the options, the report should always explain who will implement the changes proposed (e.g. guidance on commercial contracts in option 1), as well as who will be affected and how (e.g. is peer review of national Preventative Action Plans and Emergency Plans in option 2 limited to Member States or also include other stakeholders such natural gas undertakings, industrial gas customers, etc.). The report should describe the impact on different groups of Member States in terms of who will face additional investment costs and who will receive the benefits of a more secure gas supply. It should make a greater effort in quantifying impacts, such as costs of measures proposed and administrative burdens.

**(3) Clarify the groups of stakeholders who have expressed opinions.** When referring to stakeholders' opinions, the report should better explain what kind of stakeholders are taking a certain view and not only mentioning 'majority' or 'some' stakeholders.

**(4) Elaborate the monitoring indicators.** While the report lists key monitoring indicators, it should add their sources indicating whether data for those indicators are already available or need to be collected. It should also include a more precise timeline and the baseline values for the monitoring indicators.

*Some more technical comments have been transmitted directly to the author DG and are expected to be incorporated in the final version of the impact assessment report.*

#### **(D) Procedure and presentation**

The report should compare the options to the baseline rather than to one another. It should number figures and graphs for easier reference in the text.

#### **(E) RSB scrutiny process**

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