



## LNG Terminals Transparency Template: Presentation

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### Background

In November 2010, ERGEG-CEER launched a public consultation on congestion management in European LNG terminals that showed that a majority of European current/potential users expressed satisfaction regarding the CAM and CMPs applied in their terminals<sup>1</sup>. Nonetheless, for promoting the access to any European LNG terminal, it appeared important to help potential users to find easily the information needed, as it requires specific skills in relation with the nature of LNG chain.

LSOs are currently publishing the right level of information on their websites, in particular the one requested by Regulation 715/2009. Thus ERGEG-CEER proposed GLE to develop a common facilitating tool that will make the already existing information more accessible to the market.

LNG plays different roles in different countries<sup>2</sup>, and access conditions may significantly differ among LNG terminals. Therefore **one main challenge was to develop a harmonised transparency tool, respecting the diversity of business models and regulatory regimes, that fits for all LSOs.**

Intensive work was carried out in close cooperation between GLE members and CEER. After several GLE workshops and several exchanges with ERGEG-CEER, GLE managed to identify main information that shippers should be interested in when looking for access to LNG terminals, and regrouped the points under key harmonised macro areas that are the backbone of the Transparency Template.

Moreover, GLE has taken the initiative to develop and provide a common platform giving direct access to the websites of its members, who committed on a voluntarily basis to implement the common template into their existing website for the benefit of the markets participants.

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. Final ERGEG study on congestion management procedures & anti-hoarding mechanisms in the European LNG terminals (ERGEG Study Ref: E10-LNG-11-03b 12-APR-2011).


<sup>2</sup> The differences are largely explained, as recognised by ERGEG/ CEER, by particular characteristics and/or technical constraints, both at the LNG terminals and in the downstream gas markets (Cf. ERGEG Study Ref: E10-LNG-11-03b 12-APR-2011).

Market was consulted, in particular at the 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop on access to European LNG terminals organised by CEER on September 6, 2011 and GLE presented a draft Transparency Template at the 20<sup>th</sup> Madrid Forum. After some last adjustments, GLE's proposal was finally agreed by CEER at the end of 2011/beginning 2012.

**This document describes the structure and the content of the “GLE LNG Terminal Transparency Template” that will be implemented by GLE members on their websites and that aims at facilitating the access to the necessary information for accessing the LNG terminals.**

**GLE Transparency Template**

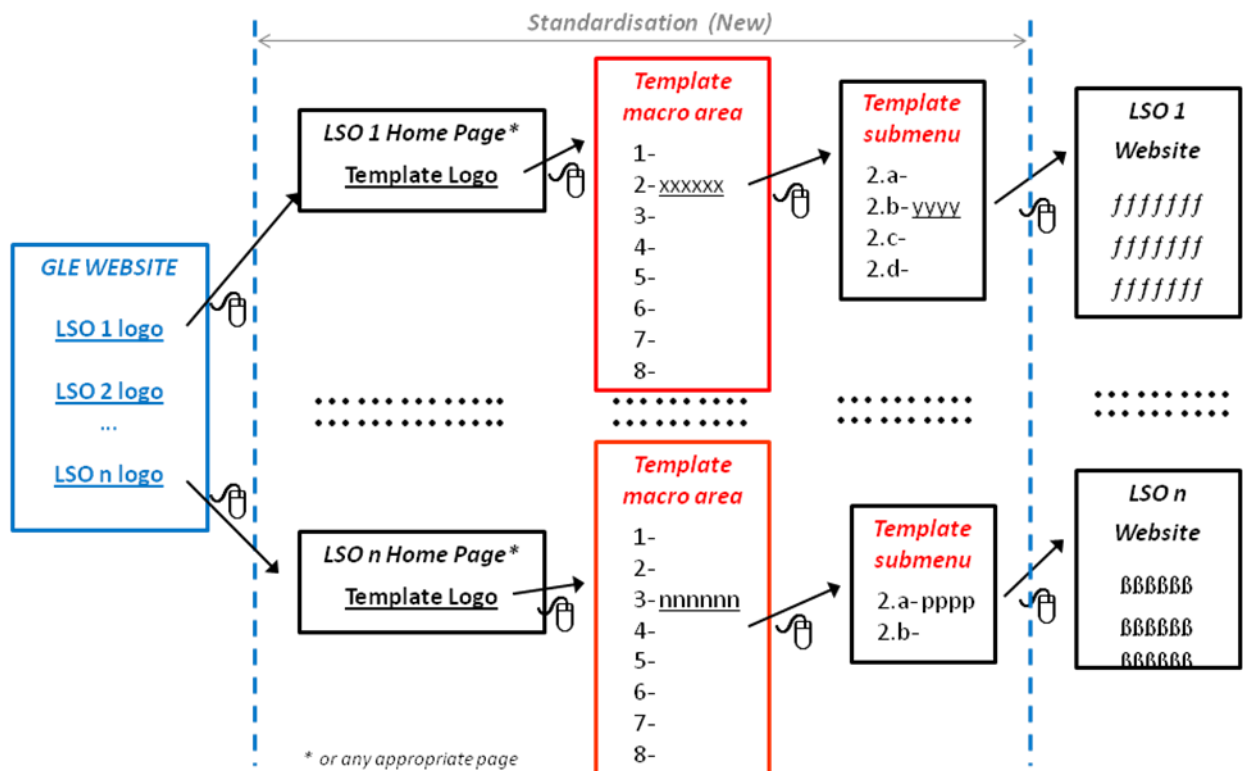
The Template is composed by the following Macro Areas and sub-menus accessible at the LSOs' websites:

		
	Macro Area	Submenu
1	CONTACT	Contact
2	TERMINAL CHARACTERISTICS	Facilities main characteristics
		Service Description
		LNG Quality
3	HOW TO BECOME A CUSTOMER / USER	Main steps for applying for access
		Contract information
		TSO information
		Ship procedures
4	CAPACITIES	Primary market
		Secondary market
5	TARIFF	Regulated terminals
		Exempted terminals
6	LEGAL DOCUMENTATION	Contracts/Codes
		Regulation/Legislation
7	OPERATIONAL DATA	Historical data
		Operational data
8	MISCELLANEOUS	Projects

The voluntary publication of information shall not be construed as creating any obligation to make such publication mandatory. In some cases, the signature of a confidentiality agreement may be required beforehand.

**Scheme for an easy access to information**

GLE will publish on its website a list of European LSOs with links to their Web Home Pages or the respective website where the Transparency Template is available. At these websites LSOs will provide direct access to the **Macro areas** through their transparency templates. In the case that several topics are covered by a Macro area, **Submenus** might be displayed by clicking in the respective Macro area title. Each of these submenus will provide links to the LSO’s websites where the information is already available. In this way access to the necessary information for accessing a LNG Terminal will be easier.



**Topics Addressed**

To facilitate the understanding of the structure of the Template, GLE has developed a list of topics related to each submenu. This list provides a description of the kind of information that might be found under each submenu. In any case, the information made available by each LSO is not limited to this list and it can cover more topics depending on what is already published by the LSO on its website and any future developments.

1. **Macro area: Contact**
  - General contact, Commercial contact,
2. **Macro area: Terminal Characteristics**
  - Submenu: Facilities main characteristics
    - Location

- Nominal annual capacity (bcm/y), Regasification max capacity (hourly or daily<sup>3</sup>), LNG Storage capacities (m<sup>3</sup> LNG), Number of LNG tanks
  - Max LNG ship class size (m<sup>3</sup> LNG), Number of jetties, Min sea depth along side, Information from port authorities
  - Submenu: Service description
    - Basic services (bundled, unbundled)
    - Other services (truck loading, ship loading, cooling...)
  - Submenu: LNG Quality
    - LNG quality specification
    - Gas quality conversion equipments
- 3. Macro area: How to become a customer/user**
- Submenu: Main steps for applying for access
    - Access regime: exempted/regulated, comments
    - Access request procedures (steps, schedule, services, documentation...)
    - Contract signature and conditions, Shipper's license if necessary
  - Submenu: Contract information
    - Structure and content, Link to contracts
    - IT system, if available, for contracts management through the web site
  - Submenu: TSO information
    - Link to TSO website
  - Submenu: Ship procedures
    - Certification procedure (vetting, information to be exchanged...)
    - List of vessels (information on approved/compatible/registered vessels as the case may be)
- 4. Macro area: Capacities**
- Submenu: Primary market
    - Allocation Rules (CAM/CMP)
    - Available capacity (in particular, data published in accordance to Transparency requirements of Reg. 715/2009 Art. 19.4)
  - Submenu: Secondary market
    - Allocation rules
    - Available capacity
    - List of players (agreed by the shippers themselves)
    - IT platform, if available, for secondary market management

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<sup>3</sup> according to terminal units

**5. Macro area: Tariff**

- Submenu: Regulated terminals
  - Applicable tariffs, Tariff calculator
- Submenu: Exempted terminals
  - Methodology (auctions process...)

**6. Macro area: Legal Documentation**

- Submenu: Contracts/Codes
  - Link to contracts or code, as the case may be (including operational and measurement procedures)
- Submenu: Regulation/Legislation
  - Link to regulation and legislation specifying the information that should be available to users according to national regulation

**7. Macro area: Operational Data**

- Submenu: Historical Data
  - Stock levels, Inflows, Outflows
- Submenu: Operational Data
  - Stock levels, Inflows, Outflows, other operational data as the case may be

**8. Macro area: Miscellaneous**

- Submenu: Projects
  - Project and latest infrastructures development