## AggregateEU

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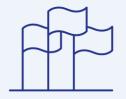
### Disclaimer

This presentation reflects current state of discussion with DG ENERGY and stakeholders and of development of AggregateEU.

Information provided in the presentation is subject to changes in the upcoming weeks.

Final guidance and documentations will become available with the go-live of AggregateEU.

### PRISMA in numbers



20 markets



1.700+
Network points



**46**operators
5 SSOs, 1 LNG
Operator and 40 TSOs



700+ shippers



**24** shareholders



3.400+

users



### Guiding principles of the work ("north star") 1/2

#### Our north star:

We want to contribute to the Security of Supply by building a solution that is bridging extraordinary emergency situations for winter 2023/2024, i.e. with a focus on LNG

#### **Undertaking registration:**

- Equality of treatment, inclusiveness
- Validation of participants: to minimize settlement risk and risk of misuse, while keeping entry barriers low to maximize numbers of participants market players and industrial consumers.
- Responsibility of the participants to have access to the necessary capabilities
- Registration step 1: **administrative** (EIC, act of establishment, power of attorney, Terms & Conditions)
- Registration step 2 (subscription): **financial** check, DoH **ownership & control**
- Consortium lead indicates members and is liable for the members.
- Complementary services (Central Purchaser, transportation, etc.) to be listed on the platform following a call for expression of interest.

### Guiding principles of the work ("north star") 2/2

#### Our north star:

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#### **Aggregation of demand & transparency:**

- Highly standardised product
- Minimum quantity
- Prevent market manipulation (i.e. role limitations)

Tender process & matching: Initiate contact between potentially suitable, i. e. matching, buyers and sellers

**Procurement transparency / reporting:** Providing DG Energy as well as member states with an overview of the joint gas procurement results to support policy decision aimed at security of supply

### Who is participating in AggregateEU

- Every interested company, having the minimum requirements for registering and subscribing to AggregateEU, can use AggregateEU.
- It is important to remark that specific organizational and operational knowhow will be needed in case of successful participation in AggregateEU.
- PRISMA does not charge fees for the subscription or participation in the AggregateEU process.
- AggregateEU does not influence trading activities outside its platform.

# The AggregateEU platform implements all areas of the "north star"

#### Undertakings have to fulfill prerequisites to participate:



Register with PRISMA (proof of establishment, identity, and authorization)



Subscribe to AggregateEU (proof of eligibility and indication of financial capability)

#### Participating in a AggregateEU tendering round (i.e. per location, per month) involves four steps:

Demand aggregation and tendering

Matching with potential buyers

Contracting (outside the platform)

Procurement transparency

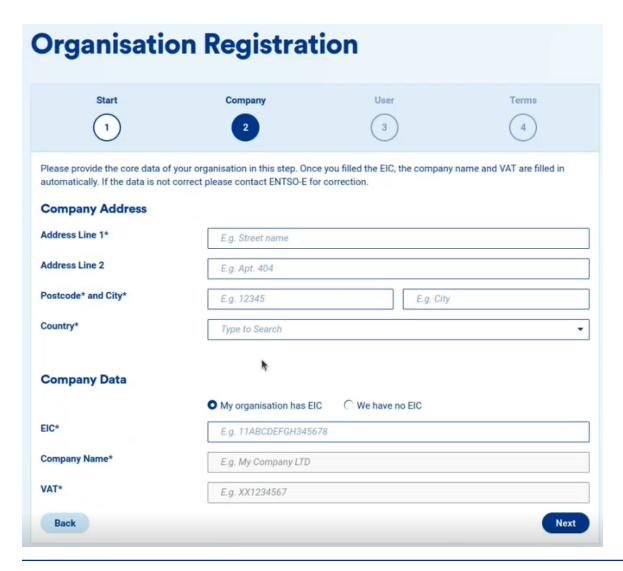
M+2, for the next 12 months (rolling)

Lowest price ranked first Use of pro-rata allocation mechanism

Undertakings inform PRISMA about concluded contracts

The platform will perform multiple tendering rounds for undertakings to participate in.

### Registration: company information



Information to be provided by applicant:

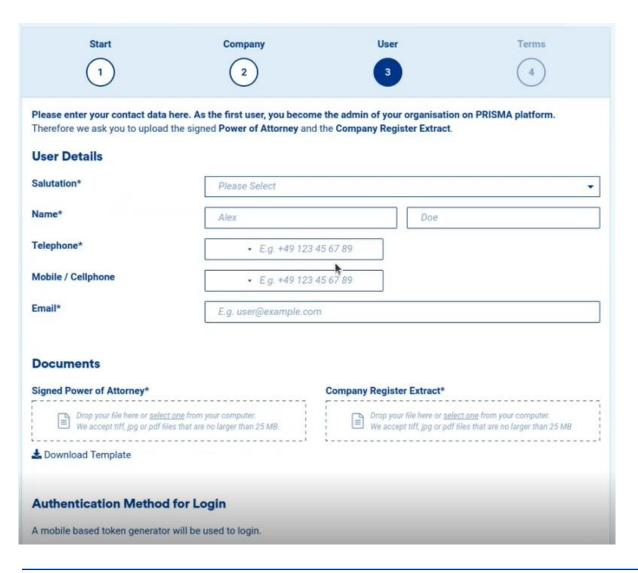
- Company information:
- Name,
- Registered official address,
- Country of registration.
- EIC:
- mandatory for companies registered in the EU Energy Community and contracting party member states.
- companies which do not meet EIC requirements are exempted.

EIC provides a unique identification of the market participants and other entities active within the Energy Internal European Market (IEM).

For more information on EIC and on the way to obtain one, please visit: <a href="https://www.entsoe.eu/data/energy-identification-codes-eic/">https://www.entsoe.eu/data/energy-identification-codes-eic/</a>



### Registration: user information



Information to be provided by applicant:

- Every user will have to be registered and provide specific information
- For registration of the first user (admin) the following documentation is required:
- Power of Attorney
- Commercial Registry Extract (only for the registration of the first user of a company).

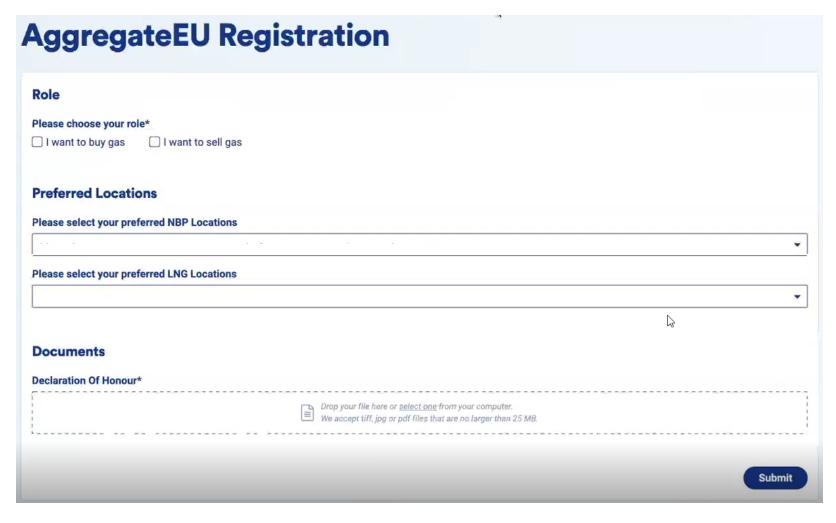
More information on how to register on PRISMA platform will be provided soon.

Companies and Users already registered on the PRISMA platform do not have to register again

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### Second step is the subscription to AggregateEU



Information to be provided by applicant:

- Role: Buyer, Seller or both
- Location: where they would like to buy and/or sell natural gas (indicative information)
- Financial Securities: interested buyers and sellers shall indicate which financial security(ies) will be made available to the potential counterparty(ies)
- Declaration of Honour: applicant must submit a declaration assuring the fulfillment of the requirements introduced by Council Regulation (EU) 2022/2576

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### **Financial Securities**

#### **Financial Securities**

- Cash collateral
- Letter of credit
- Bank guarantee
- o Parent company guarantee
- Stand-by letter of credit
- Bonds & debt security
- Open to use a broker
- o Open to use a clearing house
- Credit rating (only BBB- or above)

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Potential buyers and sellers will have to provide information about the financial collateral available for the procurement of natural gas.

They will have the possibility to select **one or more** of the financial collaterals available in specific area of AggregateEU.

This information will be subsequently provided to the potential counterparty(ies) in case of positive matching.

Buyers and sellers will exchange documents providing proof of these guarantees outside the platform during the contracting phase.

IMPORTANT: Companies that do not have possession of any financial collaterals are strongly encouraged to obtain such an instrument.



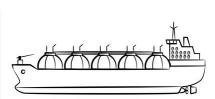
### Consortium subscription

- Potential buyers will have the possibility to place demand in AggregateEU individually or via a consortium
- In case several buyers agreed to form a consortium to procure natural gas via AggregateEU, they will have to appoint a **consortium leader**

The consortium leader will have to:

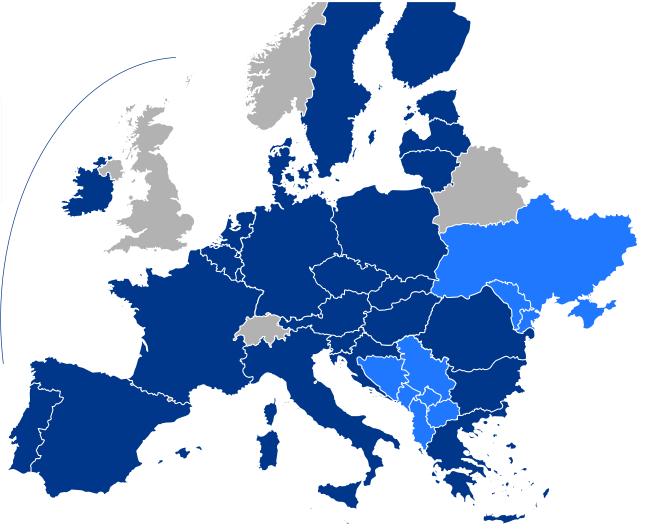
- register on PRISMA platform
- subscribe to AggregateEU
- list all the member of the consortium
- declare responsibility for consortium members' eligibility
- collect and maintain the Declaration of Honour of members of the consortium
- ✓ A consortium leader can represent different consortia (each to be indicated individually).
- A consortium leader has to subscribe with his own company before registering the consortium.

### AggregateEU will also facilitate LNG products



#### **Virtual EU LNG**

- Location: Virtual delivery points: North-West Europe and South-East Europe
- Units of commodity: Energy units
- Period: month
- **Duration**: 12, rolling

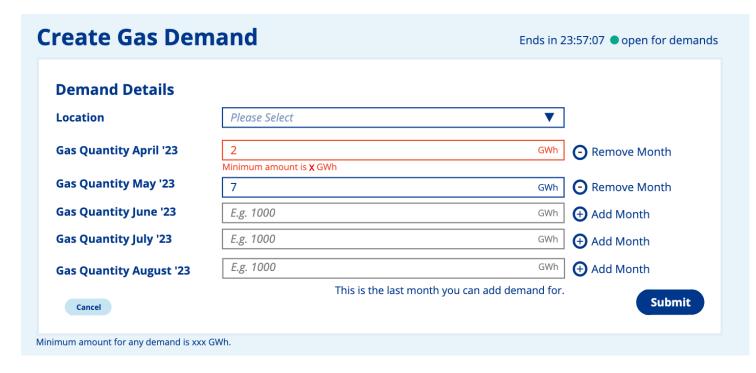


## Virtual Trading Points or National Balancing Point(s)

- Location: Virtual Trading Points
- Units of commodity: Energy units
- Period: month
- **Duration**: 12, rolling
- **Terms**: Based on EFET general agreement



### Demand aggregation



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For each **Location** and for **each period** a potential buyer:

- can submit up to one demand for himself plus one for each consortium for which the buyer is a consortium leader
- can change/withdrawn its demand while this phase is still open
- the submitted value of demand must be equal or higher than 5/10 GWh¹ at VTP and 300 GWh at the European Virtual I NG
- can submit demands for a range of maximum 12 months
- can submit demand from 2 months in the future.

#### Each combination of Location and Period will be an individual tender.

Note:

1 – DG ENER is still assessing the minimum quantities of natural gas for expressing the individual demand.



### Important information for potential buyers

Potential buyers will be **fully responsible** for transportation and, in case it is needed, regasification and storage of the procured gas quantities.

In case the potential buyers do not have the technical or organizational knowhow to directly acquire and manage these services, they are encouraged to contact specific service providers that may provide these service ("Shipper on Behalf")

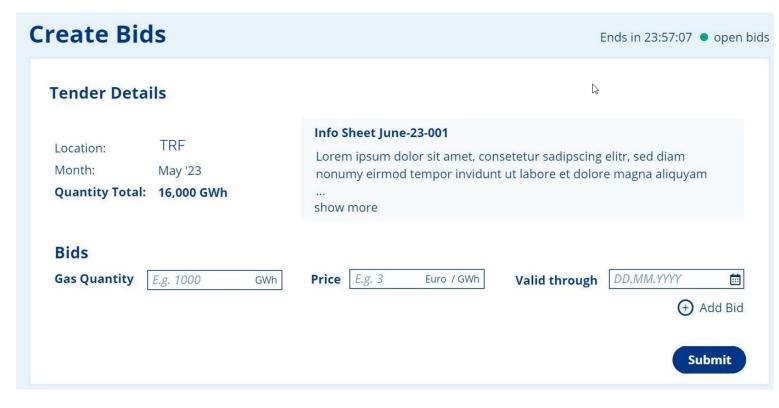
A list of the potential Shipper on Behalf will be available on AggregateEU.

A request for Expression of Interest will be soon, probably in CW 12, published on AggregateEU.

### Principles of the matching algorithm

- Every tender is independent
- Non-discriminatory towards potential buyers. Every potential buyer shall be treated equally and have the same quality of matching
- The algorithm shall minimize the costs of the potential buyers bidding in one tender
- The offer to sell of the sellers will be ranked from the lowest to the highest price
- In case of over-demand or over-supply, the pro-rata mechanism is used

### Bidding for a tender



A potential seller will have to indicate for each bid:

- the quantity, the seller is willing to sell
- the price, at which the seller would like to sell the gas
- (optional) the validity of the bid.

A potential seller can **edit** its bid until the bidding window is open.

A potential seller can submit **more bids** in the same tender process.

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### Illustrative example



#### Over demand

#### **Buyer A**

- From Seller C: 150 @150
   From Seller D: 200 @180

  Average Price: 167

#### **Buyer B**

- From Seller C: 150 @150
   From Seller D: 200 @180

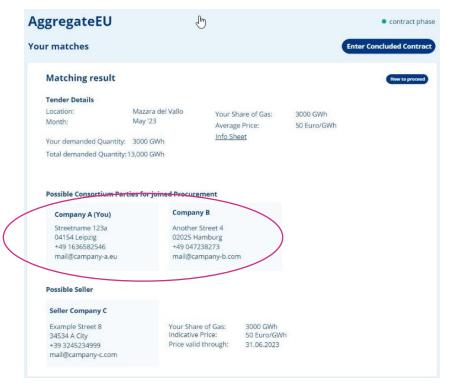
  Average Price: 167

#### **Principles**

- The cheapest seller has the priority to be allocated. This implies lowest costs for the buyers.
- Once the quantities of the cheapest seller is fully allocated the second in list is allocated
- The algorithm is allocating the demand using pro-rata
- Every buyer will pay the same average price
- Each buyer has the same percentage of unsatisfied demand

### Information on matching results to buyers

#### **Virtual LNG**

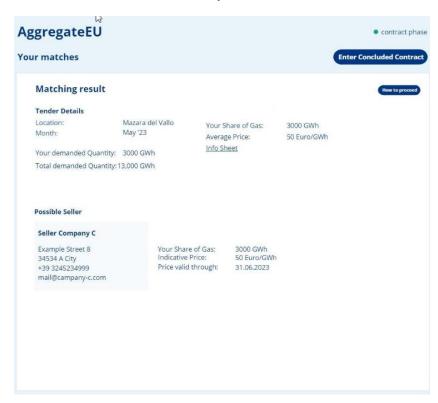


AggregateEU will provide the following information to potential buyers for each tender and each seller:

- General information to contact the seller
- Quantities allocated to the seller(s)

In case of Virtual LNG also the information about **the other** successful companies. This to allow possible cooperation in logistics.

#### VTP/NBP

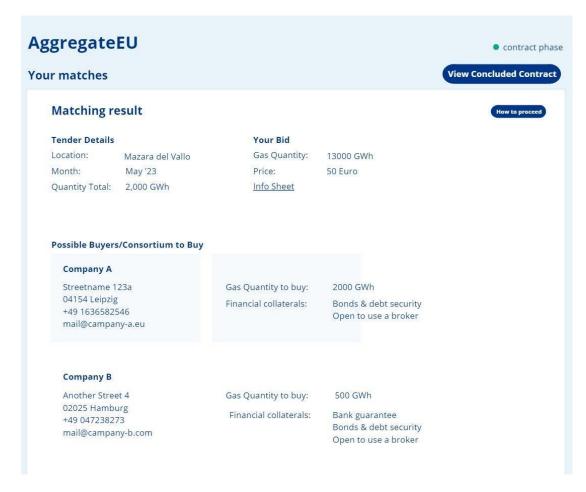


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### Information on matching results to sellers



AggregateEU will provide the following information to potential Seller(s) for each tender and for each buyer:

- General information to contact the buyer(s),
- Quantity allocated to the buyer(s),
- Financial securities indicated by the buyer(s).

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### **Contracting and Transparency**



Negotiation between potential Buyer(s) and Seller(s) is **done outside AggregateEU Platform** 



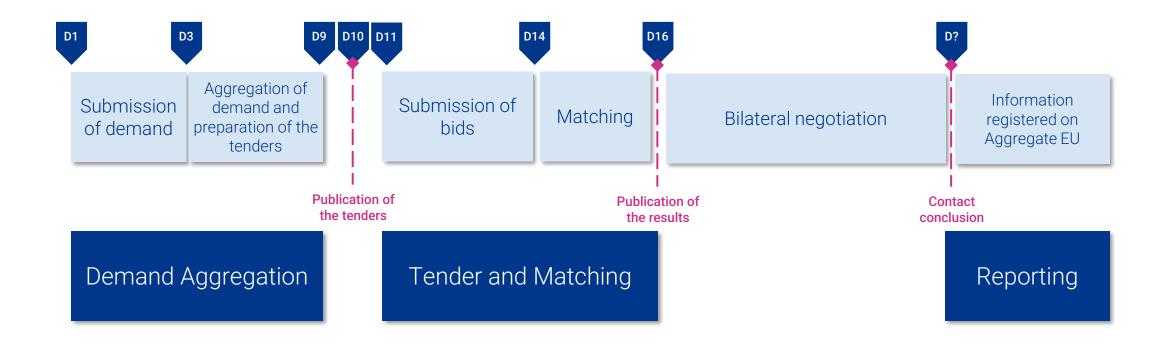
Concluded contracts must be reported to DG ENER via AggregateEU. Contractual parties will have to report:

- Location(s)
- Quantity(ies)
- Period



AggregateEU will provide this information to DG ENER. Other obligations, such as REMIT obligations, will have to be fulfilled directly by the contractual parties.

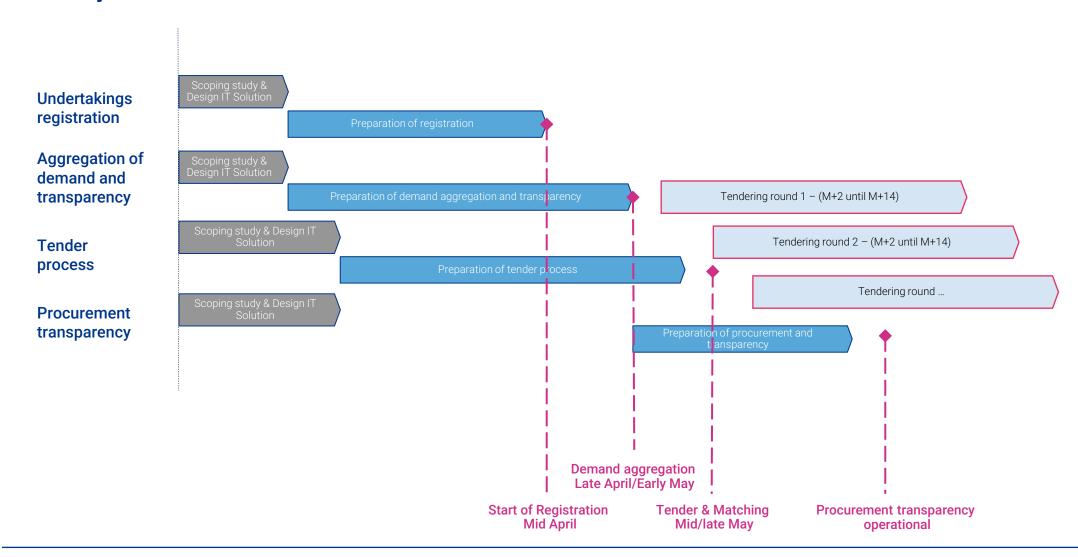
### Timetable of a tendering round



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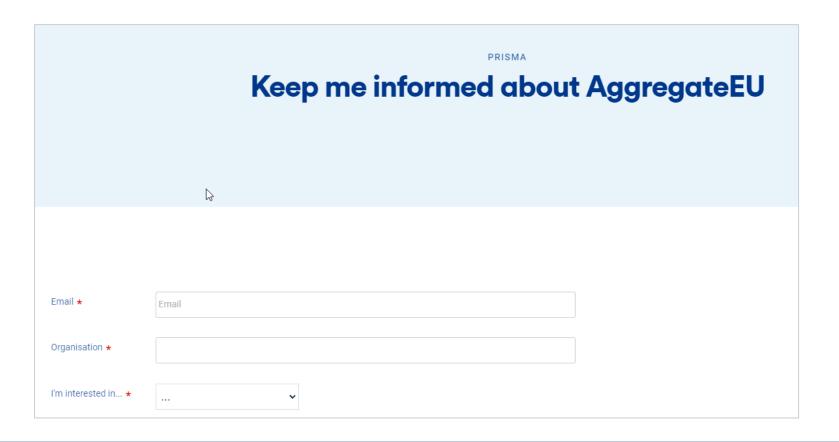
# The incremental delivery of the solution enables an early start of the service





### Stay updated on the latest news

If you would like to be updated on developments regarding AggregateEU, you should register using the following link https://aggregateeu.prisma-capacity.eu/



Q&A



### Written questions (1/2)

- Can supplier offer volume less than total tender demand for a time period / location?
- What happens if supply > demand, but not exactly matched (e.g. 2 sellers, both offer 75% of volume)?
- What are the obligations on prospective sellers? What happens where parties can't agree full GSPA T&Cs?
- What are obligations on potential buyers how does a seller know potential buyers have any intention of entering into an agreement?
- When will the anticipated T&Cs / term sheet be published?
- Can the buyer include further required / associated T&Cs in any offer?
- How will the delivery price be reached and the clearing of the transactions?
- What will be the mechanism for securing collateral for the transactions?
- Who will be the guarantor that the transaction will take place, as long as the purchase and sale contracts will be concluded outside the platform? Before whom will the transactions be settled in case of failed delivery and/or bad faith behavior of any of the parties to the transaction?
- Will there be standardized products such as profile and duration that will continue to be requested or will the demand and supply side request aggregation process accept any requests? What will be the procedure in case when aggregating non-standard products there is a partial overlap and some of the requests do not match each other? Will they officially be split into standardized periods/products or will they be "cut" ie. will be only partially admitted to the aggregation?



### Written questions (2/2)

- What will be the counter obligations between buyer/seller and aggregator?
- What will be the capacity requirements to the specific delivery point? Should buyers and sellers have secured capacities to the given delivery point for which supply and demand aggregation is being done in order to participate in quantity solicitation? If there will be no such obligation, how will it be ensured that the seller will deliver and the buyer will receive the relevant quantities at the particular delivery point if they do not have pre-provisioned capacity or insufficient capacity given the tight calendar of the capacity procurement auctions?
- How long before delivery should quantities be requested through the platform?
- I would like to clarify if the participation of each Member State to actively participate (i.e. to introduce/maintain firm orders in the AggregateEu platform) is mandatory. If yes, the quantities brought are only for the storage purposes or can be used as well to satisfy the portfolio of end users demand or for the trading purposes during the summer?
- Are companies registered as 'Buyer' able to see the aggregated demand from other Buyers/Consortium Buyer for the same specific tender? How confidentiality aspects are addressed in the AggregateEU platform? what are the compliance/ESG requirements for companies which are going to register as Seller(s)?



# Thank you

