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## **Unlocking the potential of Ukraine's gas storage and enhancing security of supply with EFET standard contractual solutions**

The European Federation of Energy Traders (EFET)<sup>1</sup> continues to provide standard contractual solutions for national gas trading in emerging markets in times of regulatory and political change. The workshop on the Ukrainian customs warehouse regime, which EFET co-hosted with the Ukrainian Storage System Operator Ukrtransgaz (UTG) yesterday, on 18 May 2021, attracted over 150 participants. It constitutes a testimony to the fruitful cooperation between the European trading community and the gas industry in Ukraine.

EFET standard form documents allow non-Ukrainian market participants to minimise risks under the current regulatory framework, thereby incentivising access to 12 gas storage sites in Ukraine with a total capacity of over 30 bcm and use of the Ukrainian “customs warehouse” regime (CWE). The Ukrainian CWE enables non-resident trading companies to leave gas in storage for over 1095 days without taxes and customs duties.

“After two years of working closely with our Ukrainian partners, it was pleasing to see so much interest in the customs warehouse regime. The efforts of EFET and Ukrtransgaz play a crucial role in promoting trading, enhancing security of supply and ultimately providing welfare benefits for customers in both Ukraine and the EU. EFET will, of course, continue to work with our partners to foster ongoing reforms in the Ukrainian gas market,” concludes Jan Haizmann, Chair of the EFET Legal Committee.

Through its contractual standardisation arm, EFET facilitates trading through the issuance of tailored EFET documentation, catered for cross-border gas trading and storage warehouse transactions. The EFET master agreements can be used in place of bespoke trading arrangements, enabling effective credit management for OTC transactions with counterparties in Ukraine.

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For more information, please consult the event page under the EFET press room and associated EFET documentation:

- [Weblink to the recording of the event and the workshop presentations;](#)
- [The Ukrainian Customs Warehouse Storage Appendix \(Version 1.0/May 2021\);](#)
- [The Ukrainian Border Appendix \(Version 1.0/February 2020\);](#)
- [Recommended Clauses for use with Ukrainian Counterparties \(Version 1.0/February 2020\); and](#)
- [The updated Guidance Notes to the Ukrainian Gas Trading Documentation \(Version 3.0/May 2021\).](#)