Interconnector's Planned Maintenance for Calendar Year 2025 and 2026.

Interconnector ("INT") is today launching its stakeholder consultation on the Annual Planned Maintenance Shutdown Period for Calendar Year 2025 as well as for Calendar Year 2026.



Calendar Year 2025

Interconnector has coordinated with its adjacent grid operators and is proposing a maintenance shutdown period within the month of **October 2025**.

Interconnector is mindful of upstream maintenance activities impacting the delivery of gas into Belgium during the first three weeks of September and so is proposing to start its own maintenance activities **from 01 October 2025 for a period of up to 20 days**. This is to ensure continued security of supply to the UK and the continent.

Calendar Year 2026

In order to ease the procurement and planning process of the Annual Maintenance programmes, INT is also seeking to consult on the maintenance periods for Calendar Year 2026.

Setting the maintenance period in advance allows INT to procure equipment needed to comply with evolving environmental legislation in good time and reduces the likelihood of supply chain constraints. Such a forward view also improves visibility and certainty for the market.

INT is therefore proposing that the planned maintenance shutdown period will take place in **September 2026**, with the exact dates to be announced in due course.

Stakeholder Consultation

In line with the Interconnector Access Code, Section I, paragraph 5.2.1 the consultation on the maintenance shutdown proposals for Calendar Year 2025 and 2026 opens today.

Please provide comments, if any, to the proposals by **27 August 2024** by emailing <u>consultation@interconnector.com</u>.

Following this consultation period, INT will confirm the months within which the Planned Maintenance Shutdowns will take place on **30 August 2024**.

