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Developing the integrated European Gas Market: FluxSwiss, Fluxys TENP, GRTgaz, GRTgaz Deutschland, Open Grid Europe, Snam Rete Gas and Swissgas publish their first Gas Regional Investment Plan.

The Transmission System Operators (TSOs) representing the South-North Corridor (the eastern part of the North-South Corridor in western Europe) have published for the benefit of all market stakeholders their first joint Gas Regional Investment Plan (GRIP).

The document outlines the key importance of the South-North Corridor infrastructure in France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland (as well as for their interconnected countries) in view of the future supply patterns into Europe and further gas market integration throughout Europe. Starting from this long-term outlook, the South-North Corridor GRIP gives an overview of the investments envisaged by the TSOs.

In the spirit of the Third Energy Package, the investments put forward in the South-North Corridor GRIP will provide for an enhanced linkage between the North-West and Southern European gas markets. The envisaged projects are instrumental to establish a fully functional infrastructure backbone aimed at connecting gas trading places such as the Italian PSV, NetConnect Germany (NCG), French Points d'Échange de Gaz (PEG) and, ultimately, other gas markets in north-western Europe (Belgium, Germany, Netherlands and United Kingdom).

Philippe Garnier, ENTSOG board member Coordinator of South-North Corridor GRIP and Chief Strategy & Marketing Officer at GRTgaz, said:

"Natural gas is one of the most important energy resources for the European Community. All involved TSOs hope this first GRIP will give market stakeholders a comprehensive overview over the European region and be a new support for continuing the cooperation between all gas transportation players".

*"The Gas Regional Investment Plan – **Luca Schieppati, Managing Director at Snam Rete Gas, said** - is the result of the TSO coordination to favour a further integration of European gas markets. The projects will improve the connections among relevant European gas trading places by enhancing cross-border bidirectional flows along the South-North Corridor. This will also increase the flexibility of the European grid and security of supply".*

The report is available on TSO websites as well as on the website of the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG):

www.fluxswiss.com

www.grtgaz.com

www.open-grid-europe.com

www.fluxystenp.com

www.grtgaz-deutschland.de

www.snamretegas.it

www.swissgas.ch

www.entsog.eu

Notes to Editors

- In line with Article 12(1) of Regulation (EC) 715/2009, TSOs publish a Regional Investment Plan every two years as part of their regional cooperation within the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSOG).
- ENTSOG was created on 1 December 2009 to ensure early progress towards the single market and is now comprised of 39 TSOs and 2 Associated Partners from 24 European countries and 3 Observers from non-EU countries.
- The region South North Corridor for this GRIP comprises of 4 countries and 7 TSOs:
 - Countries: France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland
 - TSOs: GRTgaz, GRTgaz Deutschland, Open Grid Europe, Snam Rete Gas (ENTSOG Members), Swissgas (ENTSOG Observer), FluxSwiss, Fluxys TENP