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Open Grid Europe publishes first north-west European investment plan

15 TSOs jointly present first regional network development plan

The presentation of the first regional network development plan marks the end of a hitherto unique project: Following international and national cooperation involving 14 transmission system operators (TSOs) from Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Sweden and the UK, Open Grid Europe is now publishing the almost 70-page document on its website. This makes Open Grid Europe and its cooperation partners the first European TSOs to implement this new obligation under the EU's 3rd internal market package.

Supplementing the European network development plan published at the beginning of the year and the national network development plan to be published next year, the focus of the regional investment plan is on investment projects in the north-west European region and their impact on the development of border crossing capacities. Following publication of the regional investment plan, market players can submit proposals for developing it further.

Apart from this first region, the following other regions in Europe have been identified for the development of regional investment plans:

- south: Portugal, Spain, France
- north-east: Sweden, Denmark, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Finland
- north-south: Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania and Croatia
- south-north: Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy
- southern corridor: Italy, Austria, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece

In addition to the north-west European investment plan, Open Grid Europe is working together with other European TSOs on the south-north investment plan covering the region of Germany, France, Italy and Switzerland.

Background:

The north-west European region for the Gas Regional Investment Plan (GRIP) comprises 15 transmission system operators (TSOs) from nine countries:

- Countries: Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Sweden and the UK
TSOs: CREOS, Energinet.dk, Fluxys, Gaslink, Gasunie Deutschland, Gas Transport Services, GRTgaz, National Grid, Interconnector, Ontras, Open Grid Europe, Mutual Energy, Swedegas, Thyssengas, Wingas Transport

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