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## Press Release

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### **Open Grid Europe: Milestone in the integration of Europe's internal energy market**

The continuing merger of further market areas operated by gas transmission companies is also helping the German gas market grow closer together. Open Grid Europe is currently working intensively on a further reduction of the number of market areas in Germany as requested by the regulator.

The coupling of H-gas and L-gas areas in particular is a huge challenge for the companies because it requires numerous workflows and IT-based processes to be modified.

Jürgen Fuhlrott, Head of Contracting at Open Grid Europe: "Our company has always seen itself as a front runner in the continued development of the market areas and will continue to play that role. The cross-quality market area cooperation we are planning will mark another milestone in the integration of Europe's internal energy market."

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Open Grid Europe, a subsidiary of E.ON Ruhrgas AG based in Essen, is Germany's leading gas transmission company. With its ultra-modern, efficient system of approx. 12,000 km of pipeline and comprehensive technical services, Open Grid Europe offers and arranges innovative, forward-looking transportation solutions for natural gas and biogas. Further company details can be found at [www.open-grid-europe.com](http://www.open-grid-europe.com).