



**THE THIRD LIBERALISATION PACKAGE :
EURELECTRIC views on gas issues**

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A unique opportunity

The package should serve two key objectives at the same time:

§ **Speed up market development, addressing current shortcomings of gas markets**

AND

§ **Ensure market integration through a process establishing a true Internal Gas Market**

The package introduces a number of positive changes:

- § Harmonized powers for national regulators**

- § Cooperation of regulators and TSOs**

- § Regional cooperation between Member States**

A weak integration potential

The package proposes market integration as a “nice to have” only

§ proposed unbundling rules focus on national markets

§ experience shows that voluntary TSO cooperation did not sufficiently deliver

§ the package should have mandated regional integration as an intermediate step towards a single European market



EURELECTRIC BELIEVES THAT:

- **Market integration** cannot be left to a **mere voluntary cooperation process** and that a **combination of top-down and bottom-up** approach is necessary.
- **Liberalisation of gas and electricity markets** should go **converging** and be subject to **similar treatment**
- **Market developments** should be driven by **market needs** on the basis of an **extensive consultation** with **market stakeholders**.



- **EURELECTRIC encourages the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament to reach an agreement on the third energy package**
- Any **failure** to adopt this package will **hinder the development of regional markets** and thus jeopardize further market integration



Thank you for your attention.



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