



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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