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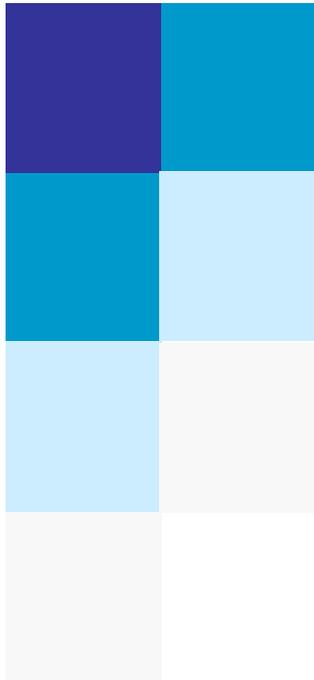
**Interoperability across Europe
Active involvement of GTE**

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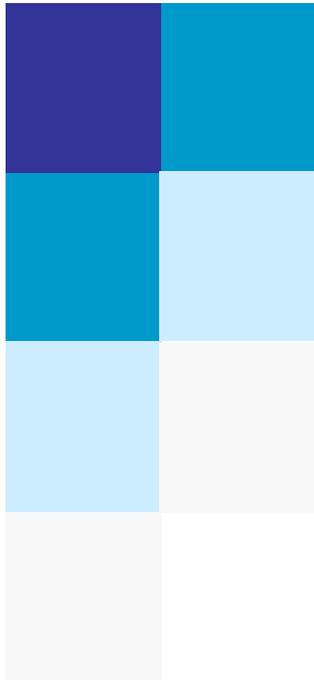


General Remarks



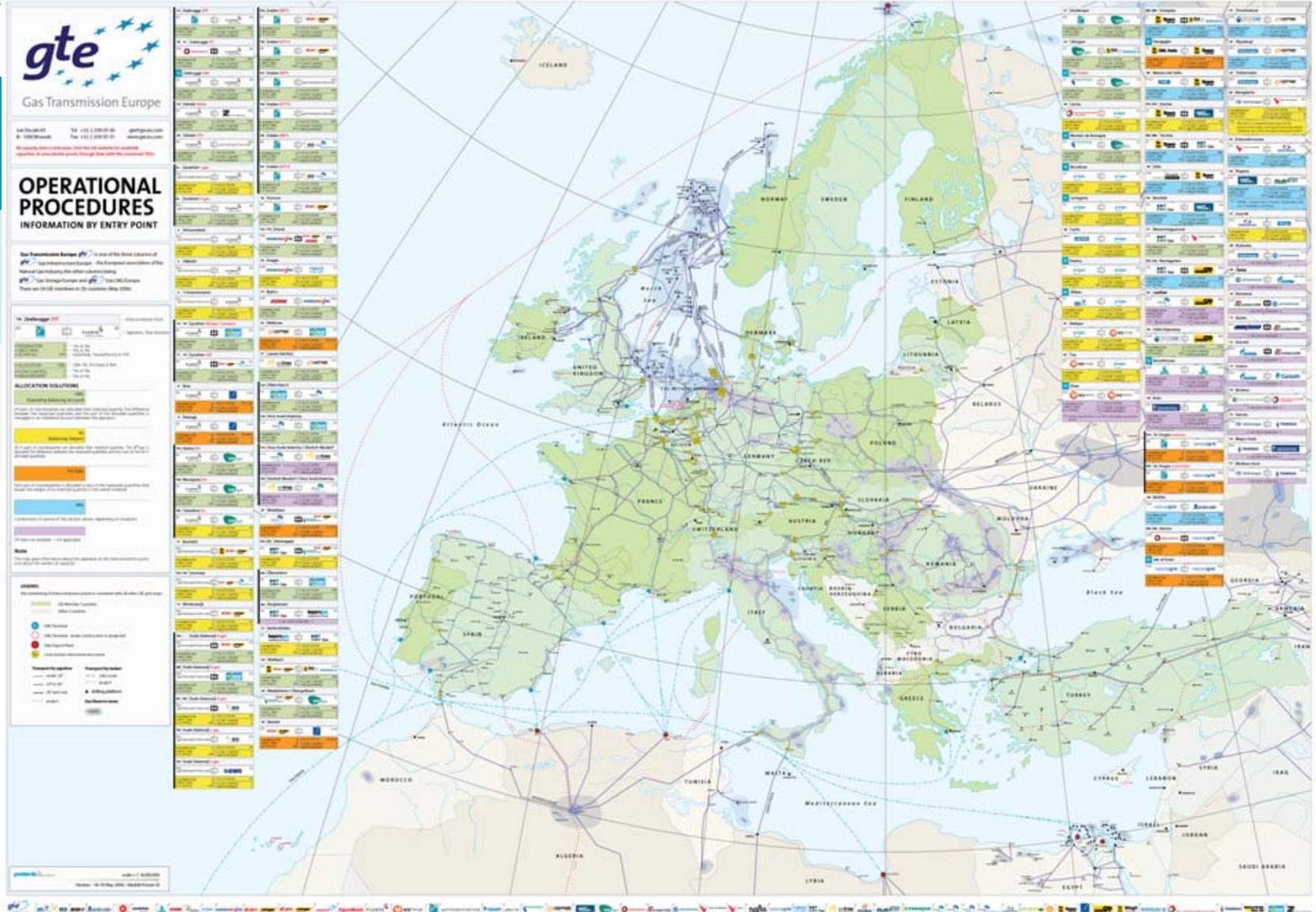
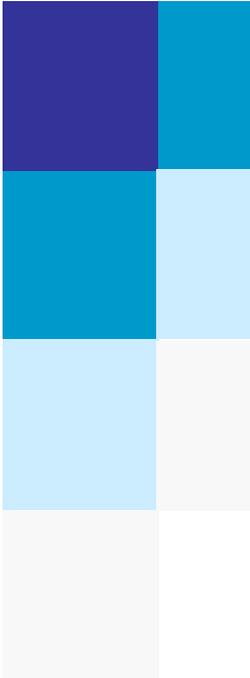
- GTE fully acknowledges the **importance of interoperability** as it is a pre-requisite for the creation of a pan-European gas market.
- GTE **supports the initiative taken by the EU Commission** to launch an interoperability survey, although we were disappointed in the fact that the scope, content and the timing of this study was not discussed in advance with all stakeholders (especially EASEE-gas)
- GTE continues to believe that the **Madrid Process** is the appropriate Forum, not only to make voluntary agreements between industry stakeholders to enhance the development of a fully operational internal market, also to **involving regulators and member countries** responsible for a stable and proper framework for the implementation of these agreements .
- **GTE** continues to play an **active role** by supporting EASEE-gas with regard to the creation of Common Business Practices

Implementation of CBPs



- Implementation of **all approved EASEE-gas CBPs** is being **supported and promoted by GTE** towards its members
- Implementation of some CBPs, especially on gas quality and units, needs **legislative action** in some member countries.
- Implementation of most CBPs require **intensive co-ordination** between the involved parties → timing can become a real challenge
- Implementation of **Interconnection Agreements**, including OBAs, where appropriate, is on-going
- **Operational map** has been updated in order to give all stakeholders a clear view on the current status and to support the further implementation of the CBPs

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Interoperability: interconnection procedures

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