

**EASEE-GAS**

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1. **State of the organisation**
2. Comparison to US
3. Working Groups
4. Edigas : an evaluation
5. Conclusion

# State of the organisation

- **Created 14.03.2002**
- **Decided not to include power**
- **Initial Board picked from the Task Force**
- **Executive Committee elections next spring**

# State of the organisation

## Membership evolution

	Full	Associate
14.03.2002	6	0
31.05.2002	17	3
31.10.2002	33	9

# State of the organisation

## 33 Full Members

<b>Producers</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Traders &amp; Shippers</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Transporters</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Suppliers</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Service Providers</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Distribution Netw. Op.</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Retail Suppliers</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>End Users</b>	<b>0</b>

# State of the organisation

## 9 Associate Members

**EUROGAS**

**EURELECTRIC**

**EFET**

**ENERGIENED**

**GEODE**

**GTE**

**IFIEC**

**OGP**

**AFG**

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# Comparison to US

## US

- Long haul pipeline to pipeline competition
- Nationwide TPA introduction
- One single regulator

## Europe

- Consecutive pipelines
- Variable speed TPA introduction
- Almost one regulator per Member State

# Comparison to US NAESB membership

- Wholesale Gas (ex GISB) 131

End Users	20
Distributors	23
Pipelines	40
Producers	11
Services	37

- Retail Gas (not active) 34
- Wholesale Power 158
- Retail Power 48

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# Working groups

- Business Rules
- Message Specification
- Edigas Message Codification and Maintenance
- Real-time Data Exchange
- IT Communication Network
- eb XML
- Unit harmonisation

# Working groups

## Business Rules

- Participation from producers, transporters, traders & shippers, suppliers, service providers
- Picks up speed after a rather slow start
- First debated topics :
  - *initial nomination cycle*
  - *matching*

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# Working groups

## Message Specification

- Former Edigas Business Scenarios Group
- Transposes business requirements
- Feeds message codification
- Started looking into entry/exit application

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# Working groups

## Edigas Message Codification & Maintenance

- Former Edigas “Working Group”
- Now works on trade confirmation and allocation statement messages

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# Working groups

## Real-time Data Exchange

- Started off as transporter to transporter only
- Extended to include info to shippers such as:
  - *metering data*
  - *balancing data*
- Participants have prepared position papers

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# Working groups

## IT Communication Network

- To develop an ad hoc communication network
- Ready to issue request for tenders for a VPN
- Shared effort major shipper/ some TSOs
- Needs wide TSO support to be successful

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# Working groups

## ebXML

- To provide for IP friendly messages
- Cooperation between power & gas
- Useful exchange of experience
- Long term effort
- “Competition” with Edigas protocol
- Applied for EC support

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# Working groups

## Harmonisation of Units WG

- No response from participants other than transporters
- GTE proposal will be circulated for comments to a “virtual” WG formed via e-mail

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# Working groups

## General comments

- Initial focus on operational matters
- strongest effort on communications
  - *high data flow*
  - *abolish manual data handling*
- 6 WGs chaired by transporters
- 1 WG chaired by an associated member

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# Edigas : an evaluation

## Shipper nomination example : UK to Italy

- **Fax/telex**      UK offshore
- **AT link**      Transco
- **ISIS**      Bacton Agent, Interconnector
- **Edigas**      Fluxys, Ruhrgas
- **Fax**      Swissgas, SnamReteGas

# Edigas : an evaluation

## Implementation Edigas group TSOs

- **Gasprom** : implementation contract signed
  - *inter-dispatching : Moscow/Berlin etc.*
  - *buyer/seller messages*
- **Ruhrgas** : working on many projects
  - *Norpipe, Europipe flanges at Emdem*
  - *NW Hub*
  - *have recently made available low cost shipper interface package*

# Edigas : an evaluation

## Implementation Edigas group TSOs

- **Gassco** : interfaces
  - *operational with Fluxys, Gasunie*
  - *working on Ruhrgas, GdF*
- **Fluxys** : Edigas transition almost complete
  - *about 50 counter parties under Edigas*
  - *only a few other connections left*
- **Gasunie** : preparing for full transition
  - *testing “Nimbus” for shipper comms*
  - *receiving interface with Eurohub*
  - operational*

# Edigas : an evaluation

## Implementation Edigas group TSOs

- **GdF** : project under development
  - *operational with Fluxys, Statoil, SRT and real-time data with Ruhrgas*
  - *all shippers end 2003*
- **SnamReteGas** : ready for full transition
  - *operational with Statoil, GdF*
  - *trials with OMV*
  - *gradually implement shippers' comms*

# Edigas : an evaluation

## the good news

- Provides what GISB was created for in US
- Gradually replacing Gasnet in operator/operator communications
- Gaining strength in shipper/transporter and buyer/seller communications

# Edigas : an evaluation

## the bad news

- Still a long way to go
- Spurious web based systems deteriorate the situation : appropriate for small shippers only

## But :

The future may well be for on-line systems with common access gateway and standardised interfacing

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# Conclusion

- Growing support for EASEE-gas
- Initial focus on operational matters
- First priority to support common communication protocol / systems
- Improving current business as is - not what may be

# Conclusion

Given the regulations,  
we'll make gas business easier

# Conclusion

Given consistent regulations,  
you'll make it easier for us