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GAS REGIONAL INITIATIVE:
PROGRESS REPORT

Discussion Points



THE EUROPEAN UNION OF THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY

Eurogas continues to support the objectives of the Gas Regional Initiatives.

Voluntary progress on practical regional initiatives will bring gains, including contributing to improved implementation of regulatory requirements.

Eurogas appreciates the considerable efforts undertaken in the three Regions to make progress. However, not enough progress has been made.

We reiterate the importance of focusing on issues of concrete regional interest, with potential for progress.

Some issues are already identified for action at EU level (e.g. 3 minus rule), and duplicating discussion on such issues at Regional level does not bring value added to the exercise.

A regular reporting on the progress of all three Regions is essential.

The report should update all parties involved on work in hand and planned work.

The report should not just report on a Region's achievements in some areas but analyse and explain the reasons for lack of progress in other areas.