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Creos Deutschland, GRTgaz and Encevo launch the “Grande Region Hydrogen” initiative

On 24 March 2021, gas network operators Creos Deutschland, GRTgaz, and the Luxembourg energy group Encevo launched the “Grande Region Hydrogen” initiative during a digital event involving more than 70 economic, academic and industrial stakeholders.

This cross-border, multi-sector scheme aims to step up ongoing discussions about the creation of a universally accessible ecosystem and a hydrogen infrastructure within the “Grande Région” made up of Saarland and Rhineland-Palatinate in Germany, Lorraine (Grand Est) in France, Wallonia in Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

In practical terms, the “Grande Region Hydrogen” initiative will involve regular thematic meetings and a web platform to expand the discussion of hydrogen chain experiences, from production to consumption. It will forge links and ramp up synergies in all sectors (public and private), laying the foundations for the coordinated development of hydrogen solutions in the Grande Région. In the longer term, the collaboration will help to create an integrated European hydrogen network.

This initiative is fully consistent with the European Commission’s “Green Deal”, which aims to make the EU a carbon-neutral space by 2050. In line with this target, the industrial, energy, heat production and mobility sectors face a major transformation challenge. Achieving carbon neutrality means not only increasing the production of renewable energies but also developing complementary technologies. Among these, renewable and low-carbon hydrogen meet a two-fold challenge: decarbonising a portion of industry and the mobility sector, and ensuring the storage of intermittent electrical energy.

Creos Deutschland GmbH

Creos Deutschland GmbH supplies more than 2 million people in 340 cities and municipalities in Saarland and Rhineland-Palatinate via a ~1,650 km high-pressure gas network and a ~450 km high- and medium-voltage network. Its business partners include power plant operators, industrial companies, commercial enterprises and municipal utilities. Its core competency is managing energy networks. Together with its partners and customers, Creos benefits

network users and businesses by optimizing network infrastructures, creating synergy effects, and helping them take advantage of potential savings. Creos creates networks for the future.

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Encevo S.A.

The Encevo Group is Luxembourg's largest energy player. It is also active in Germany, France and Belgium. Encevo is present throughout the energy value chain, spanning production, storage, supply, transportation, trading, distribution and services. The group is based on three pillars. These are mainly represented by three separate entities and their respective subsidiaries: energy supply and the generation of renewable energies through Enovos; network operations through Creos; and energy-related services (decentralised production, energy efficiency, ecomobility, etc.) through Enovos Services.

The Encevo Group is a regional energy leader and a key player in Luxembourg's energy transition. It currently employs more than 2,200 people. The group has more than 330,000 delivery points (electricity and natural gas) and operates more than 10,473 km of power lines and over 3,700 km of gas pipelines.

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GRTgaz is one of the European leaders of gas transmission and a world expert in gas systems. In France, the company operates more than 32,000 km of buried pipelines to transport gas from suppliers to consumers connected to its network (managers of public distribution systems that serve municipalities, power plants and more than 700 industrial sites). GRTgaz carries out public service missions to guarantee the continuity of gas transmission and offers its customers services providing access to the network and improving their energy performance. With its subsidiaries Elengy, the European leader in LNG terminal services, and GRTgaz Deutschland, the operator of the MEGAL transmission network in Germany, GRTgaz plays a key role in the European gas infrastructure scene. It also exports its know-how internationally, in particular thanks to the services developed by its research centre, RICE (Research & Innovation Center for Energy). As a player in the energy transition, GRTgaz invests in innovative solutions to accommodate as much renewable gas as possible on its network, including hydrogen, to provide support for these new sectors, and thus contribute to achieving carbon neutrality.

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