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## Press Release

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### Launch of market consultation in the market area NetConnect Germany

**Ratingen (Germany), 18 June 2014.** In the period between 23 June 2014 and 4 July 2014 NetConnect Germany (NCG) will again be conducting a market consultation covering different aspects relating to the virtual trading point. The market consultation is based on the German federal regulator Bundesnetzagentur's decision of 23 August 2011 regarding the levying of fees for use of the virtual trading point (BK7 11-003), under which NCG is required to consult market participants annually on the VTP services it delivers.

NCG expects the market consultation to provide insights into any further potential there may be for optimising the services offered at the virtual trading point. Many market participants have already taken the opportunity of previous consultations to submit useful suggestions to NCG, many of which have actually been implemented. The market consultation's results will be published afterwards on the NCG website.

**NetConnect Germany** handles the operational management of the market area cooperation between bayernets GmbH, Fluxys TENP GmbH, Thyssengas GmbH, Open Grid Europe GmbH, GRTgaz Deutschland GmbH and terranets bw GmbH. Its gas market area, which stretches from the North Sea coast down to the Alps, is the largest German market area, with around two thirds of all end-user gas volumes in Germany being transported via the NCG market area.

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