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## Press Release

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

**Ratingen, 8. June 2017.** From 12 June to 23 June 2017 NetConnect Germany GmbH & Co. KG (NCG) will again be conducting its annual market consultation on the virtual trading point (VTP) operated in the NCG market area. The VTP market consultation has its basis in the German federal regulator Bundesnetzagentur's decision of 23 August 2011 on the application of fees for use of the VTP, under which NCG is required to consult market participants annually on the VTP services it provides.

The aim of the market consultation is to survey VTP customers as to their satisfaction with the VTP services and to derive measures for further development. As was the case in previous years, NCG expects that this year's market consultation will again provide new insight as to any additional potential there may be for optimizing the VTP services so as to further improve the VTP's attractiveness and liquidity.

**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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