

This year's mandatory audit pursuant to §50 Cooperation Agreement completed

Berlin/Düsseldorf, 15. October 2025 Trading Hub Europe GmbH (THE) has completed the fifth audit requirement in accordance with Section 50 (10) of the Cooperation Agreement. A total of 60 network accounts were subject to the audit requirement this year, with significant and sustainable optimization potential identified for 27 network accounts. Two penalties were imposed.

The background to the audit requirement is the evaluation report on the forecast quality of standard load profiles, which was first compiled in 2019 and found that some network operators continued to show consistently high, significant, and unusual network account deviations.

Between 2021 and 2025, 332 network accounts were requested for review by the market area manager as part of the audit requirement. Of these, 198 network accounts were found to have significant and sustainable potential for improvement. The network operators had to implement the corresponding improvement measures within one year.

Further information can be found in the summary reports published on THE's website. The summary reports include, in particular, information on the relevant thresholds, the number of network operators contacted, the number of network operators that have identified significant and sustainable potential for improvement, as well as information on the identified potential for improvement and the cumulative absolute network account deviations over the last two years.

The company Trading Hub Europe GmbH was founded on June 1, 2021 through cooperation between the network operators bayernets GmbH, Fluxys TENP GmbH, GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, Gastransport Nord GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, NaTran Deutschland GmbH, Nowega GmbH, ONTRAS Gastransport GmbH, Open Grid Europe GmbH, terranets bw GmbH and Thyssengas GmbH. The high-pressure pipeline system in the Germany-wide Trading Hub Europe market area has a total length of around 40,000 km and connects more than 700 downstream grids. The tasks of the market area manager include balancing group management, the operation of the virtual trading point and the procurement of balancing energy. Trading Hub Europe thus ensures the operation of the market area and makes an important contribution to the supply of natural gas in Germany and Europe.

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