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TENP III goes into operation: New pipeline strengthens security of supply and paves the way for hydrogen transport

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The Trans-Europe Natural Gas Pipeline III (TENP III) was officially put into operation with a festive event at the Hügelheim compressor station. The approximately 110-kilometre-long pipeline replaces one string of the TENP pipeline that runs from the German-Belgian and German-Dutch borders to Switzerland. The pipeline, which has been successfully modernised over the last three years while maintaining gas flows, contributes significantly to a secure and sustainable energy supply.

New pipeline: boosting security of supply and H2-ready

The joint project between the transmission system operators Open Grid Europe (OGE) and Fluxys TENP is making a decisive contribution to security of supply in Baden-Württemberg, Germany and Europe. In addition, TENP III strengthens the link between north-west Europe and the Italian gas market and increases transport capacity to Switzerland thanks to its bidirectional flow. At the same time, the newly laid pipes are already fully designed for the future transport of hydrogen ("H2-ready"). Together with partners, OGE and Fluxys are looking into transporting hydrogen from Italy through Switzerland and, via TENP, to Germany. In this way, they want to increase the diversification of European hydrogen supply and support the achievement of climate targets.

State politicians from Rhineland-Palatinate and Baden-Württemberg recognise the project

The importance of TENP III for the current and future energy supply was recognised by around 100 invited guests from politics, business and administration. Alexander Schweitzer, Minister President of Rhineland-Palatinate, said in a video message: "For Rhineland-Palatinate, the project means greater security of supply for people and companies. Plus, the pipeline is taking a step into the future and is H2-ready. This also makes it an important milestone for the transformation in Rhineland-Palatinate." Klemens Ficht, Vice-President of Freiburg, emphasised: "The new pipeline will ensure the availability of natural gas, but will also play an important role for the future energy supply in Baden-Württemberg with regard to hydrogen transport. I am delighted that, together with the other authorities, we have been able to make our contribution to this and help to facilitate the rapid and safe commissioning."

The managing directors of OGE and Fluxys TENP thanked everyone who made the successful completion of the project possible. In their speeches, they emphasised both the technically demanding performance of the employees and the constructive dialogue with politicians, administration, authorities and citizens. Detlef Brüggemeyer, CTO of Open Grid Europe GmbH, said: "TENP III is

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a strong signal for a reliable energy supply in Europe. It shows that we can implement infrastructure projects efficiently and with a view to the future." Friedrich Rosenstock, Managing Director of Fluxys TENP, emphasised: “With TENP III, we are connecting countries and regions – and the energy world of today and tomorrow. The project is not only proof of our commitment to security of supply, but also future-proof.”

In the TENP III project, the TENP pipeline has been replaced in three sections in Rhineland-Palatinate and Baden-Württemberg since 2022. Almost 93 per cent of the technically necessary replacement was carried out in the existing route. The construction work was successfully completed in summer 2025. In the coming weeks, final work will take place along the route. These measures will be executed in parallel with ongoing operations and will not affect the transport function of the TENP.

About the TENP
The TENP is one of the most important European connections for the supply of natural gas and runs for around 500 kilometres from the German-Belgian and German-Dutch borders to the Swiss border. The pipeline is owned by Trans Europa Naturgas Pipeline GmbH & Co. KG (TENP GmbH & Co. KG, TENP for short), in which Open Grid Europe GmbH (OGE) holds a 51% stake and Fluxys TENP GmbH a 49% stake. The capacities of the TENP gas transport pipeline are marketed by OGE and Fluxys TENP; the operational management is carried out by OGE.

About OGE
OGE makes gaseous molecules flow. We create and maintain a modern, safe and efficient infrastructure for natural gas, hydrogen and CO2. Our pipeline network with a length of over 12,000 kilometres is fundamental to Germany's energy supply and secures the prosperity of our society. As the market-leading transmission system operator, we are a pioneer, driver and enabler of the energy transition and climate neutrality. We see ourselves as a transformation consultant and service provider for industry, power plants, distribution system operators and our partners in production and politics. More than 2,000 people find a future-proof and modern workplace at the OGE Group. In the interests of our employees and shareholders, we are constantly adapting our business model to ensure sustainable profitable development. Further information about the company can be found at www.oge.net.

About Fluxys TENP
Fluxys TENP GmbH markets approx. 64% of the TENP transport capacities. Through its sister company Fluxys Deutschland GmbH, Fluxys also has a stake in the NEL, EUGAL and OAL pipeline systems. Fluxys TENP is wholly owned by the Belgian Fluxys Group. Fluxys is an independent energy infrastructure company active in the fields of gas transport and storage as well as the operation of LNG terminals. Fluxys is also committed to the use of renewable energy and aims to be a key infrastructure partner in accelerating the energy transition. Fluxys makes an important contribution to European security of supply and will drive decarbonisation by transporting hydrogen, biomethane and other climate-neutral energy sources as well as captured CO2. Further information about the company can be found at www.fluxys.com.