

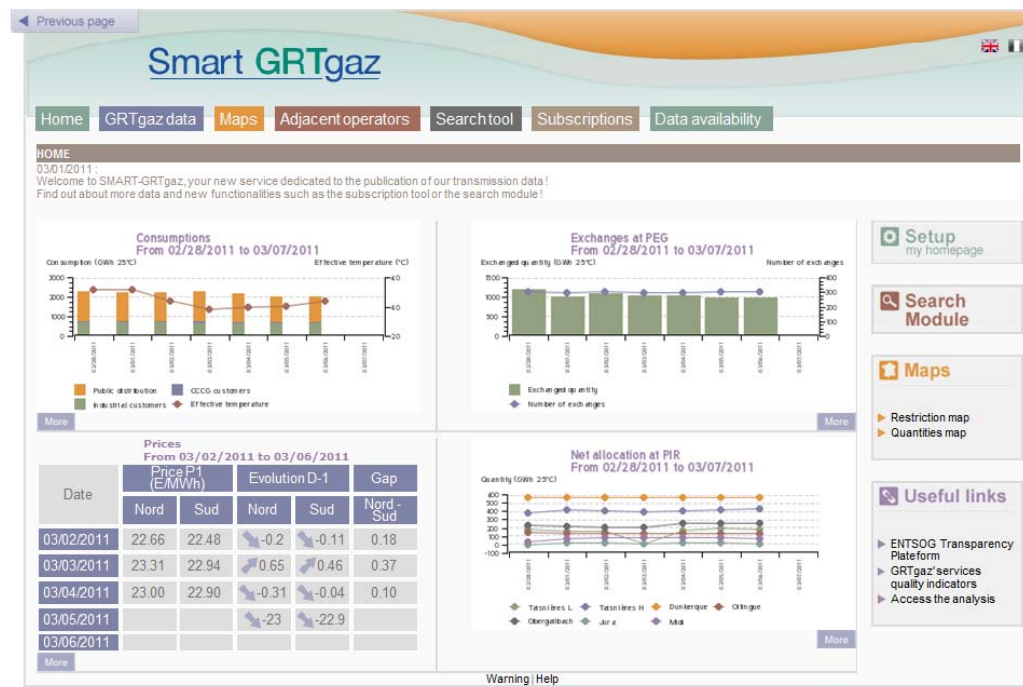
Smart GRTgaz, a new information service for gas network customers

8th March 2011 – *GRTgaz has recently launched a new benchmark on-line information service for the natural gas transmission market on its web site (www.grtgaz.com). Smart GRTgaz, provides GRTgaz customers and prospective customers with access to a wealth of accurate information enabling them to optimise their capacity reservations, anticipate changes in the market and balance their gas supplier portfolios. This project is helping to increase the attractiveness of the French market and to establish GRTgaz as a leading European gas transmission company.*

Smart GRTgaz provides more than thirty new types of data designed to facilitate the activities of network users (level of stock in transit through balancing zones, capacity restrictions, etc.). All the relevant points of the network will be covered from now on: frontier points with adjacent transmission networks, connection points with methane and storage terminals, interface points between GRTgaz balancing zones and consumption points. All of these indicators are updated in quasi-real time (e.g.: shipper nominations) and the interface offers users the option of configuring their own data access page.

With 77 operators active on the wholesale gas market at the beginning of 2011, a net increase in the consumption of natural gas in 2010 and sustained development of exchanges within GRTgaz market areas (+ 23 % in 2010), the natural gas transmission landscape in France is changing rapidly. To support these developments, Smart GRTgaz has created a powerful European benchmark information tool, which is designed to increase the attractiveness of the French market.

Since 2008, in consultation with European gas transmission companies, GRTgaz has made a broad contribution to establishing the best information standards, in order to facilitate the opening up of markets. Alongside non-discrimination and maintaining strict confidentiality, transparency is, more than ever, one of the guiding principles behind its activities.



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GRTgaz is a subsidiary of GDF SUEZ. Its role is to operate, maintain and develop the natural gas transmission network in France, which covers the majority of national territory. GRTgaz delivers natural gas entrusted to it by its customers to consumption points connected directly to the transmission network: public distribution networks supplying households, local authorities and businesses, major industrial consumers and power stations that use natural gas to generate electricity. With more than 32,000 km of natural gas pipelines and 25 compressor stations, GRTgaz transported more than 68 billion m³ of natural gas in 2010.

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