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Transparency in the German Gas Market

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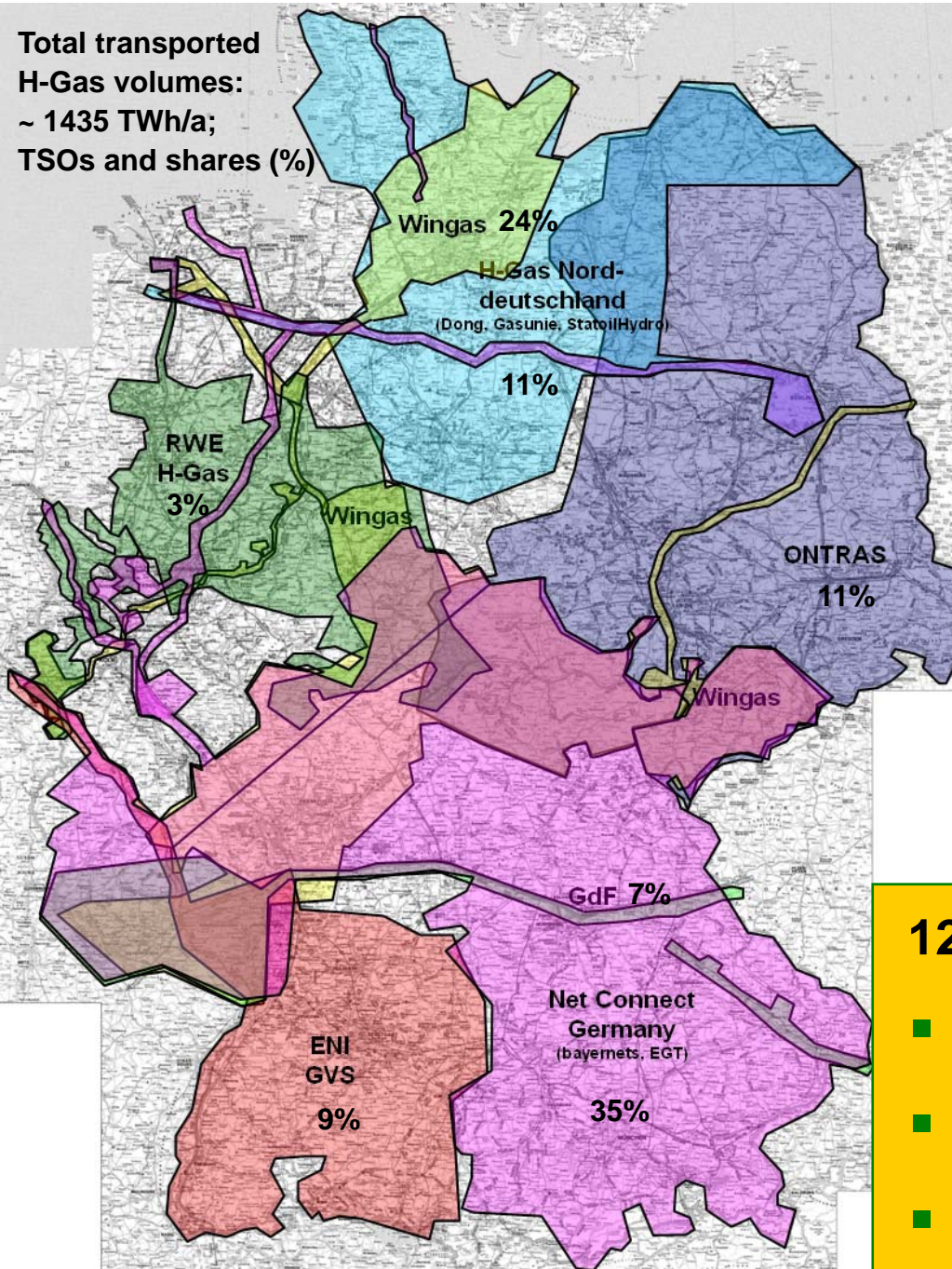
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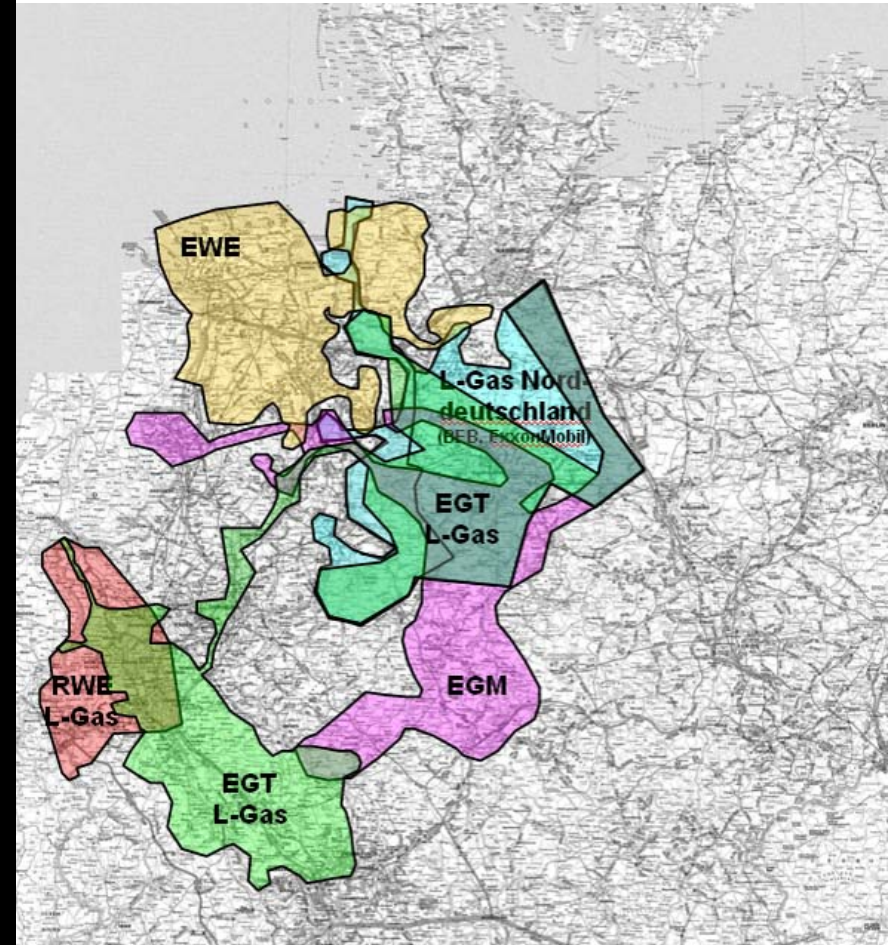
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7 H-Gas Market Areas

Total transported
H-Gas volumes:
~ 1435 TWh/a;
TSOs and shares (%)



5 L-Gas Market Areas



12 Market Areas since 01.10.2008

- Many overlaps (up to threefold)
- 2 facilitate gas exchange (EEX)
- **Goal: Further reduction of MAs**



1. German Gas Market

- high number of market areas (7 H- and 5 L-gas-market areas)
 - high number of „relevant/bookable“ points (75 cross-border points plus 126 interconnection points between market areas plus 66 storage points)
- > **amount of relevant data for transparency is high**

new balancing regime started in October 2008:

- role of TSOs: responsible for providing flexibility for intra-day demand of most consumers, procurement of system energy
 - TSO is obliged to publish information on internal and external energy procurement
- lower risk and balancing energy prices for shippers
- > **the role of the shipper concentrates on commercial activities and potentially the supply of system energy**



1. Legal transparency requirements in Germany

Very similar to the requirements of Reg (EC) No 1775/2005

In addition:

- Information on capacity for the following 36 months and for all entry and exit points
- Traffic-light-system to demonstrate network utilisation
- Detailed Characteristics of the network: length, diameter, withdrawn gas of previous year, number of exit points,...
- Maintenance schedule affecting capacity



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2. Status Quo Network Transparency

Mandatory:

- High awareness of transparency obligations through ERGEG monitoring and identification as a priority area
- Significant improvement from 2007 (ERGEG Monitoring) until today through bilateral meetings between Bundesnetzagentur and TSOs
- Restricted Transparency due to „minus-3-rule“ (216 points requested, 85 points approved, many of minor importance, 6 cross-border points)

Voluntary:

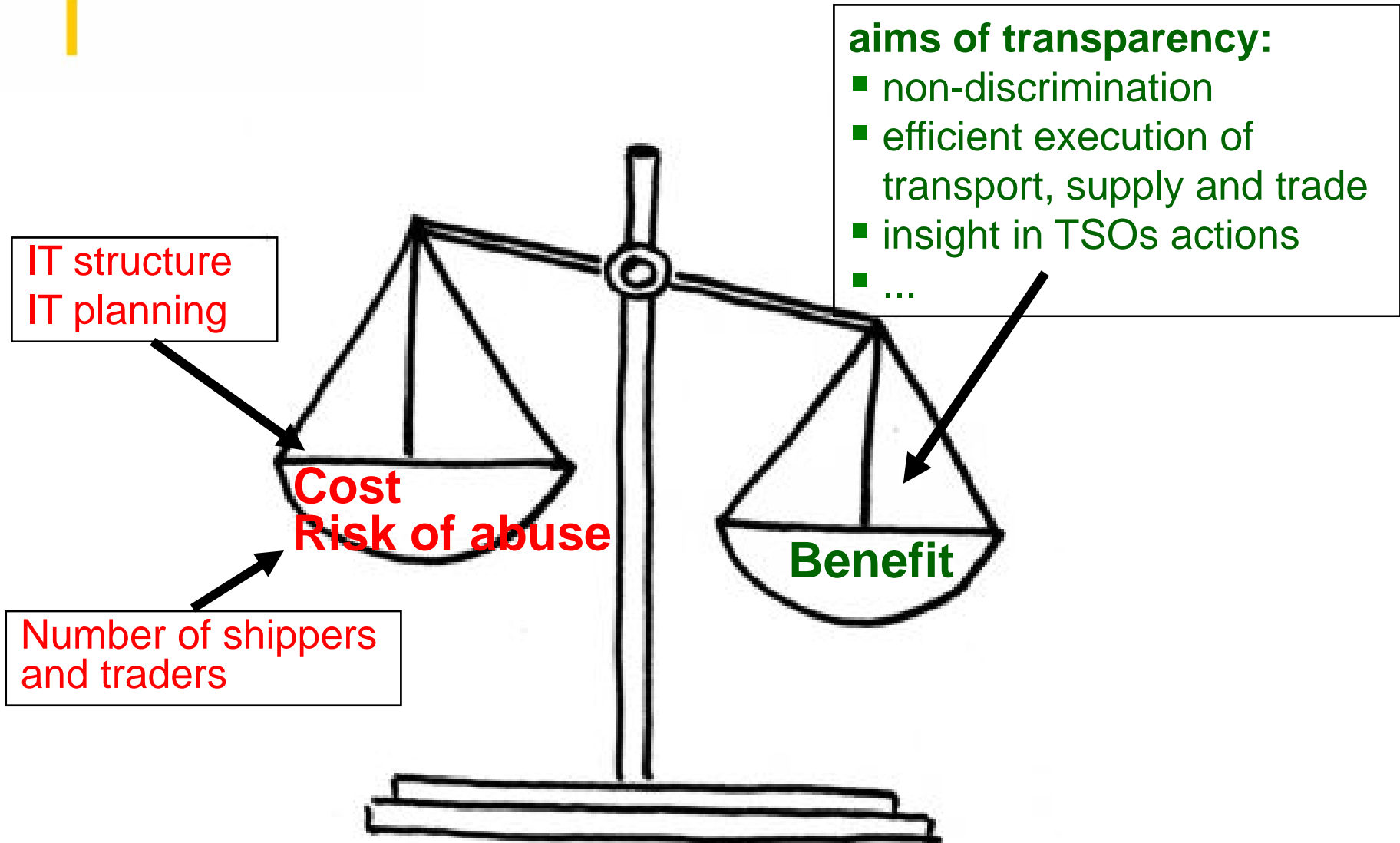
- GRI NW Transparency Project generally successful



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3. Way forward: Project Plan 2009



Network access system, Balancing system



3. Way forward

Improving existing publications

i.e. format for further processing

„Remaining“ Minimum requirement list

- Detailed information on requirement and benefits in different markets necessary

Other ideas for „additional“ transparency requirements:

- Expand project to more than cross-border points (market area connection, storage)
- Differentiate information on available capacity to monthly, weekly and daily products (annex Reg 1775/2005 3.3, (3))
- „Transfer of“ additional national legal transparency requirements



**Thank you
for your attention!**

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