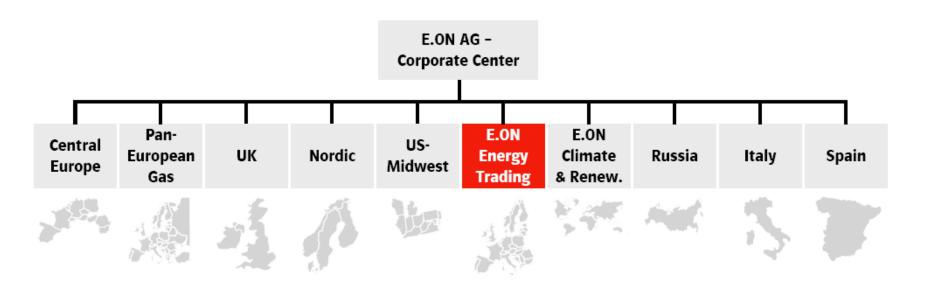


# A trader's perspective on gas market development

Armin Schabert
Corporate Attorney, E.ON Energy Trading SE
Energy Law Group Meeting, Vienna, 30 April 2010



E.ON is organized in 10 market units – E.ON Energy Trading is the commercial heart of the business

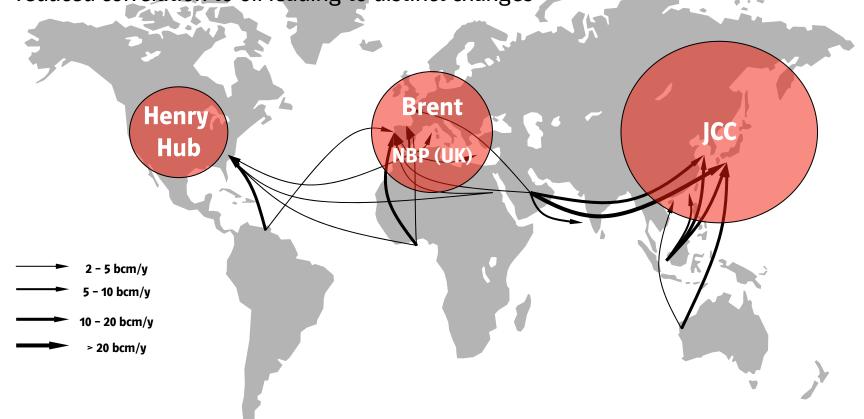


E.ON Energy Trading is the central commodity risk manager for the Group



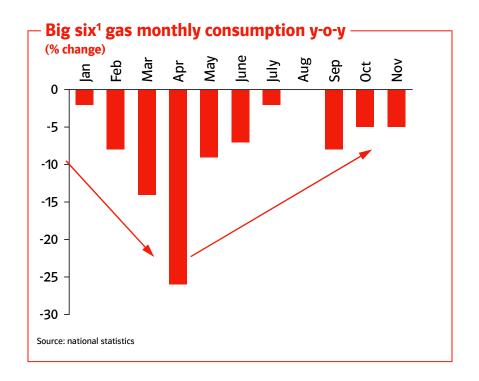
## The global gas market has undergone dramatic changes in the last 12-18 months

US unconventional gas development, weaker demand, flexible LNG flows and reduced correlation to oil leading to distinct changes





## Global economic crisis has led to significant erosion of demand



Demand decrease especially in gas-to-power & industrial consumption

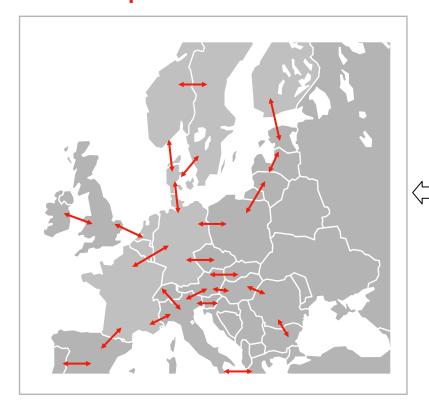
1. Big six: D,UK I,F,NL,E

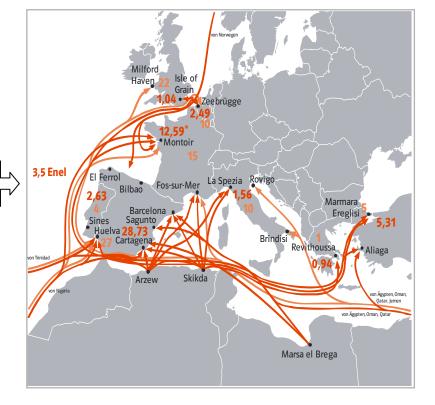


# These changes have reinforced the developments in the European gas markets

Pipelines connecting European Gas Markets...

## ...and LNG connecting World Gas Markets

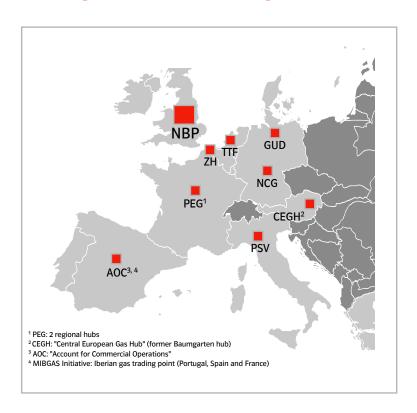




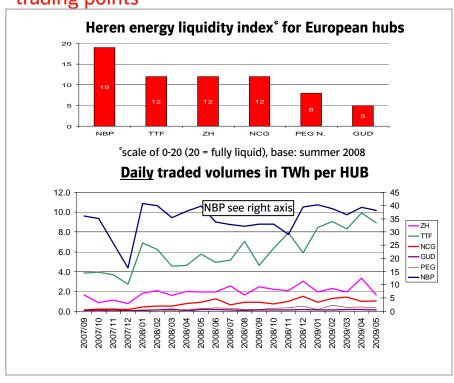


## Together they have led to a more uniform and more competitive European natural gas market...

### Existing and planned trading points

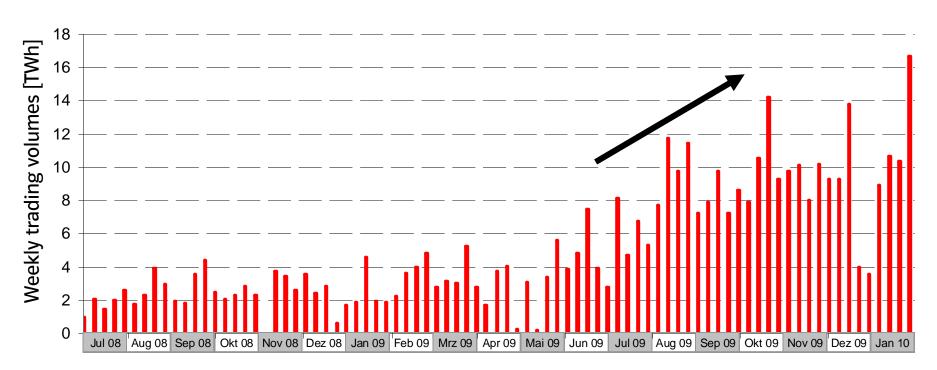


## Liquidity and price developments at leading trading points





# Traded volumes at German OTC gas markets are showing an upwards trend



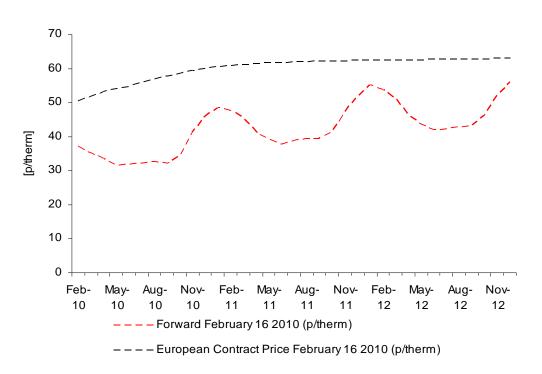
Sources: ICIS Heren ESGM, Trading volumes at VHPs in Germany



## The decoupling of gas and oil prices is very clear

### **NBP versus European contract price forecast in p/therm**







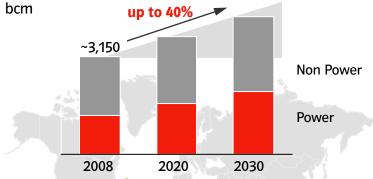
# In the mid-term, unconventional gas will have a continued impact, although European development has challenges

- Unconventional gas resources are 7 times smaller in Europe compared to North America;
- Geology of unconventional gas in Europe is not well understood so far;
- Access to resources more difficult than in North America;
- Higher environmental constraints;
- Services more expensive;
- Production will be later, slower and more expensive than in North America;
- But, unconventional gas will offset some of the declining North Sea production and thereby reduce expected future import needs in mid to long term.

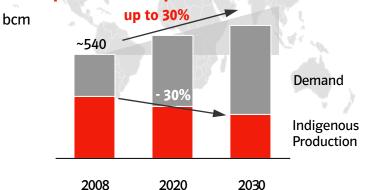


## The global and European demand for gas will increase in the mid-term: natural gas is a key part of a low carbon world

#### **Development of world gas demand**



#### **Development of European Gas Demand**



Source: E.ON analysis based on various external and internal analysis. Scenario driven forecasts vary

2030

2020

### After crisis gas demand returns to growth path

- Main drivers:
  - **Economic growth**
  - Climate protection measures
  - Role of gas in power generation

### **Transition to lower carbon world only realistic** with Gas

- Global commodity, abundantly available
- Cleanest fossil fuel
- Very efficient and variable
- Complement to renewable energy

Gas is not only a 'bridge' but a 'destination' fuel in a lower-carbon world



### **Conclusions**

- Global developments (LNG, US shale) have had a huge impact on European gas markets – and will continue to do so;
- Trading at European hubs has continued to develop and the overall liquidity trend in European energy markets is very positive;
- More can and should be done to connect regions;
- This dynamic market creates opportunities for Traders and competition between them;
- And ultimately Increased integration and competition is good for consumers.



The information contained herein is for informational purposes only and may not be used, copied or distributed without the prior written consent of E.ON Energy Trading SE. It represents the current view of E.ON Energy Trading SE as of the date of this presentation. This presentation is not to be construed as an offer, or an amendment, novation or settlement of a contract, or as a waiver of any terms of a contract by E.ON Energy Trading SE. E.ON Energy Trading SE does not guarantee the accuracy of any of the information provided herein.