

FIRST-CLASS GAS TRADINO





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CEGH has established itself as a reliable partner in the gas trading landscape. Our recipe for success? We listen carefully and create services with added value and strive for excellent performance with the customer as our number one priority. This unique combination of skill, dedication and experience combined with our central location in the heart of Europe makes CEGH the leading gas hub in Central and Eastern Europe.

Since our operational start in 2005 (Title Transfer Service) many innovations have seen the light of day. Our latest innovation is to provide solutions for marketing and trading of green gases and hydrogen to support the energy transition and to help decarbonizing the European energy system.

Central European Gas Hub AG (CEGH) is the leading gas hub operator in CEE and on to the pinnacle of the hub operations in Europe.

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LIGHTS

## 2022: CEGH GREEN GAS INITIATIVES

In December, CEGH launched the CEGH GreenHydrogen Index to support the energy transition. It uses the potential production costs of green hydrogen in Austria and shall serve as a price reference for H<sub>2</sub> for Austria and Central Europe.

In April, CEGH launched the CEGH GreenGas Platform for trading and marketing of biogas, biogas Guarantees of Origin (GOs), biogas certificates and green hydrogen. The CEGH GreenGas Platform is a trading platform designed for biomethane in a first step and will also be extended for trading of green hydrogen, as soon as this is available in the market

## 2020: INTEGRATION OF POWERNEXT INTO EEX

By 1 January 2020, Powernext and its PEGAS platform were fully integrated into EEX Group.

## 2018: FOCUS ON FLEXIBILITY

Launch of the CEGH Gas Storage Marketing Platform to provide additional services for clients.

### 2016: TRADING ACROSS BORDERS

Cooperation with Powernext for launching the CEGH gas exchange products on the PEGAS gas trading platform.

#### 2013: HELLO NEIGHBOURS

Launch of CEGH Czech Gas Exchange Market operated by Power Exchange Central Europe (PXE).

## 2012: ATTRACTING NEW STAKEHOLDERS

Slovak gas transmission system operator eustream joins CEGH with 15% shareholding and helps to raise liquidity, as well as to accelerate further development.

#### 2009: MAKING TRAD-ING MORE VERSATILE

The CEGH Gas Exchange Market launches and offers gas traders more flexibility with different services.

## 2005: A STRONG FIRST IMPRESSION

The first nominated volumes are traded via the newly founded CEGH OTC Platform (CMT System) for bilateral trade.

CEGH is located in Vienna, Austria. As the operator of the Virtual Trading Point (VTP), CEGH offers international gas traders a gateway for trading in the entry/exit zone of the Austrian market. In 2022, CEGH achieved a total trading volume of 633.3 terawatt-hours (TWh) of natural gas and ranks among the most important gas hubs in Continental Europe.

#### Close proximity to infrastructure ...

The dedicated link between commercial transaction and physical settlement has always been crucial for successful gas trading. Through its connection to the important transit pipelines and storage systems, CEGH is the most attractive gas hub in Central and Eastern Europe. The distribution station at Baumgarten is the most eastern distribution node in Europe. Plus, the direct connection of storage facilities to the CEGH Virtual Trading Point contributes to additional flexibility and makes gas trading in Austria even more attractive.

#### ... and customers

While our close proximity to important infrastructure is the basis for our business, the basis for our success is our customer orientation. We listen closely and tailor our products to customer needs. Our staff keeps close contact with traders daily – a welcome human touch in a technical environment. We also conduct customer satisfaction surveys every other year. These clearly show: clients appreciate our reliability, flexibility and outperforming customized technology.

### Extended exchange services

Since the beginning of 2020, Powernext and its PEGAS platform are fully integrated in EEX Group. This gives international traders comfortable access to comprehensive trading, clearing and settlement services on multiple markets.

Since 2020 traded volumes have almost tripled – a clear indicator that the cooperation was more than just a step in the right direction. In 2022, volumes have been continuing to grow and reached an all-time high of 475.9 terawatt-hours.

This increase in volumes is particularly remarkable given the challenges that the energy market has faced over the past year. The war in Ukraine, for example, has had a significant impact on the global supply and demand for gas, resulting in gas price volatility and increases in certain periods.

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With bilateral gas trading services for title transfer on the Virtual Trading Point and highly customized gas exchange services combined under one roof, CEGH holds a unique position on the gas market. With this competitive starting point and thanks to its beneficial location in the heart of Europe, CEGH has developed to the leading gas hub in Continental Europe and functions as a benchmark hub for the entire CEE region. The best is yet to come: We are continuously developing new products and markets in Central and Eastern Europe and are working actively to shape the framework for natural gas, trading as well as finding solutions for decarbonizing the energy system.

#### Markets are changing and growing together. Natural gas is moving in all directions.

CEGH is the gas trading gateway between East and West and is the most attractive gas trading platform for Central Eastern European markets. In the past few years more and more traders have used CEGH as a trading place for transactions from West to East. CEGH and its direct connection to important transit pipelines is a perfect intersection for all directions towards Germany, Italy, Slovakia, Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary and further to the east.

# CEGH is a Benchmark Hub in the CEE region and a strong cornerstone in the European vision of a single market.

EU's vision is a single European market where markets are no longer separated but interconnected. CEGH delivers the perfect base for this continuing development and serves as a benchmark hub for the CEE region with the CEGHIX being the reference price both for B2B trades and B2C supply contracts. CEGH also plays a central role in developing the legal framework in these countries. Furthermore, we share our expertise regarding market liberalization to further develop local energy markets in Eastern Europe and beyond.

# Our next steps aim to create new gas exchange markets in other CEE countries together with our partner EEX and explore new business options.

CEGH is based on a strong shareholder structure with OMV AG holding 65%, Wiener Börse AG holding 20% and Eustream a.s. holding 15% of shares.

Based on this solid footing, we are engaged in a vital network of cooperation and partnerships that will be further strengthened and expanded in the future.

CEGH on the one hand maximizes benefits for its trading customers and on the other hand further supports development of liberalized gas markets in Central and Eastern Europe.

#### Keeping up with trends. And living up to our reputation as pioneers.

Three main topics are currently very relevant to our industry. First, the ever-present digitalization – e. g. in form of blockchain technology – is a key issue we are evaluating. How can we use it to make business for our clients easier? Another buzzword is market coupling: our goal is not only to analyse but also to look beyond new concepts, understand traditionally grown markets and support better ways that are future-proof. The industry is experiencing a major shift towards decarbonization, which is being driven by the adoption of renewables, green gases and trading certificates. Our business is actively embracing these changes and staying at the forefront of this third trend, by leveraging the capabilities of the CEGH GreenGas Platform as well as the CEGH GreenHydrogen Index.

# We don't need to reinvent the wheel. We are improving existing solutions and develop new ones to deliver excellent services.

We are striving for the best, that's why we are constantly improving and extending our existing services.

Our CEGH platform for marketing of storage capacities is a good example for that. This platform bundles capacity offers, that companies so far shared only on their own websites, on a centralized and easy-accessible spot. Due to the increased importance of gas storage for security of supply, we were extending our existing Gas Storage Marketing Services.

Now, companies such as industrial customers or suppliers can directly post a request to purchase storage capacities and gas in storage (and storage services) via the CEGH platform. This new feature of the platform is an innovative addition to the existing functionalities for the marketing of primary and secondary gas storage capacities.

Due to the recent changes in the Austrian legislation, industrial customers can secure their own gas in storage, up to a level of 50% of their annual domestic consumption. Hence, this platform is an important instrument for securing the supply for the industry in case of an emergency or supply disruption.

This new CEGH offering is a powerful tool to request/offer storage capacities for all gas market participants – not only from storage operators, but also from secondary capacity holders.

Again, it's all about growing together.

### SHAPING MARKETS

#### **GOTTFRIED STEINER, CEO, CEGH**

"CEGH is not only processing transactions. We facilitate natural gas trading throughout the whole of Europe but also are focussing on the future. With the CEGH GreenGas Platform we will enable trading in green gases for the first time. To achieve the ambitious European decarbonization targets, transparency and liquidity on a trading platform are key requirements. We aim to actively support this and see ourselves as the ideal partner to the industry and energy suppliers in the expansion of green gases."

And while we love to think in big pictures, we also know how to put our ideas into concrete terms: On the one hand, our trading services – bilateral trades as well as exchange services – directly improve liquidity and help raise security of supply. On the other hand, we actively engage in improving the framework for trading in the CEE region by sharing our expertise in different working groups and committees. Our services also help traders and other market participants such as storage operators in adding value to their business and in gaining easy access to markets and to relevant data. That's how we take gas trading to the next level.



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#### **CEGH GreenGas Platform**

Green gases such as biogas and green hydrogen will make a significant contribution to the decarbonization of the energy system. With green gases, the existing gas infrastructure can be used for sustainable energy supply. Around 0.1 TWh of biomethane – processed biogas – are currently being fed into the natural gas network in Austria. By 2030, 7.5 TWh of green gases should be available. For green gases to make an effective contribution to decarbonization, a functioning trading place must be established in Austria.

The CEGH GreenGas Platform will be the first platform to support the decarbonization of the gas markets by trading of green gases and GOs and is a marketplace for biogas supply and demand as well as for green hydrogen, once green hydrogen becomes available on the market.



The platform enables purchase or sale of biomethane guarantees of origin (GOs) as well as of biomethane with or without GOs. In addition to a bulletin board, also auctions are available. This means that for the first time, suppliers and buyers can interact on a common marketplace, which will greatly simplify trade conclusion and processing.

#### **Linking markets**

The CEGH GreenGas Platform will gradually be expanded to include trading in green gases in other Central and Eastern European countries, so that international and cross-border trading can develop.

To achieve the European climate targets, a liquid European exchange for green gases is necessary in the long term. CEGH supports its existing cooperation partner EEX, which is the largest European energy exchange, to support the vision of liquid exchange trading of green gases and GOs on EEX.





# SUPPORTING CHANGE

Green hydrogen will make a significant contribution to the decarbonization of the energy system and will in future become increasingly important in the energy mix. It can be transported quickly on a large scale by using pipelines, for which new, but also the existing Austrian gas infrastructure can be used. In the future, Austria could develop into an energy hub for hydrogen and green gases.

#### **CEGH GreenHydrogen Index**

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Due to the ongoing revision of the European Renewable Energy Directive, the CEGH GreenHydrogen Index consists of four price references – depending on the different electricity procurement strategies:

- CEGH GreenHydrogen PPA 100 Index
- CEGH GreenHydrogen PPA 40 Index
- CEGH GreenHydrogen Spot Index
- CEGH GreenHydrogen Forward Index

The CEGH GreenHydrogen Index is continuously evaluated in a CEGH Price Committee and adapted to changes on the hydrogen market. The expected reduction in investment costs for the construction of electrolysis plants is to be mapped. Once the future regulatory framework for the production and use of green hydrogen has been defined, the composition of the CEGH GreenHydrogen Index will also be adapted accordingly.

It is planned that the CEGH GreenHydrogen Index will gradually be linked to price signals from a hydrogen market. Once functioning green hydrogen trading is established, the CEGH GreenHydrogen Index will be converted from a cost-based – to a market-based index.



For further information about the specification of each index please visit our website.



Learn more about the CEGH Green Hydrogen Index.

# FIRST CHOICE FOR BILATERAL CONTRACTS

Traditional, but far from old-fashioned: CEGH offers a variety of state-of-the-art tools and services that are future-proof and serve OTC trading. Consequently, the CEGH Virtual Trading Point (VTP) has become the main platform for gas trading in the CEE region.

The CEGH Multi Trading System (CMT) is a highly customized online platform that allows the settlement of bilateral trade in the Austrian entry/exit system. Customers benefit from the unique combination of several transmission pipelines, storage sites, the domestic Austrian grid as well as connections to neighbouring systems. Plus, they can rely on CEGH in its role as the operator of the Virtual Trading Point. In cooperation with the Market Area and Distribution Manager and the adjacent network operators, CEGH ensures trading and availability of gas.

#### **CEGH VTP AUSTRIA**



### A CUSTOMIZED TRADING EXPERIENCE:

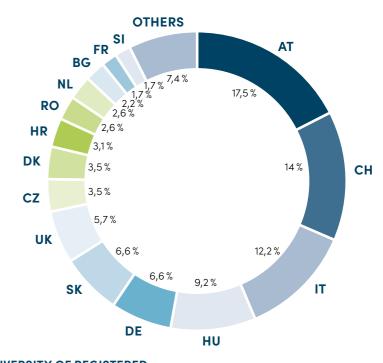
- Once the matching process has been completed, CEGH delivers the final matching values to all customers in individual confirmation messages.
- After the physical gas flow, CEGH also carries out the allocation of the confirmed quantities.
- The allocated values result in a customizable quantity protocol, accessible online, in which time period, time profile and file format may be selected as needed.



#### Nominations made easy

CEGH has created an independent web-based nomination platform that allows its clients easy handling of the complete nomination process. The online platform uses the latest nomination formats and offers a secure and user-friendly way for nominating volumes as well as accessing individual quantity reports.

In addition, CEGH actively notifies customers in case of mismatches on the VTP.



## DIVERSITY OF REGISTERED CEGH MEMBERS

CEGH VTP Austria (285 members by end of 2022)

# CEGH, THE TRADING HUB FOR THE CEE REGION

"It's no surprise that CEGH has one of the highest EFET (European Federation of Energy Traders) hub score ratings and has developed into the most important trading hub for the CEE region, with the CEGHIX being a recognized reference price for the wider region. With its tailor-made nomination platform as well as many additional services CEGH actively engages with the trading community and continually develops new customer oriented offerings."

Doug Wood, Chairman of the Gas Committee, EFET

# GAS MARKETS GROWING TOGETHER

2016 was a key year in CEGH's gas exchange history which resulted in the spot and futures contracts for the Austrian market being offered via the pan-European PEGAS platform. Comprehensive trading, clearing and settlement services on multiple markets allow unique possibilities for international traders. A year later, the Czech gas exchange products were also transferred and continue to do well. The numbers speak for themselves: Volumes in 2017 almost tripled. In January 2020 the EEX CEGH gas markets were integrated into EEX.

EEX Gas is a central gas trading platform of EEX Group that covers spot and derivatives contracts for twelve major European gas hubs in nine countries and also offers the possibility of trading spread products. Their members have access to more than 1,000 trading products in the Austrian, Belgian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Italian and UK market areas.

#### Win-win in Vienna

Establishing a joint company in Vienna and transferring the gas exchange services in 2016, created a classic win-win-situation: CEGH and its customers benefitted from an enhanced range of products and access to spread products between different markets, while PEGAS was able to further increase its trading volume. In terms of market harmonization, the cooperation helps form the desired pan-European natural gas market and further increases liquidity. In January 2020 all PEGAS markets were integrated into EEX Gas.

#### Who is who?

The EEX CEGH gas market cooperation is based on a solid partnership of CEGH, PXE, EEX and European Commodity Clearing (ECC), each fulfilling different tasks reflecting their strengths.

**CEGH**, as the operator of the Virtual Trading Point in Austria, has profound knowledge of the Austrian gas market and CEE gas markets.

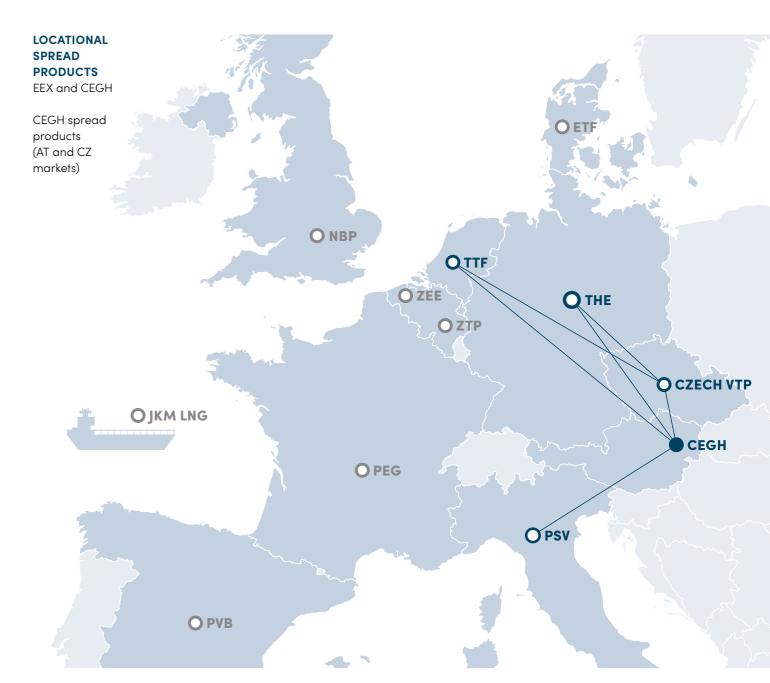
**EEX**, as the commodity exchange license holder, operates the EEX gas markets, offering excellent exchange services throughout Europe. EEX is an international energy and commodity trading group, which belongs to Deutsche Börse Group and has 17 locations worldwide.

The Czech energy exchange PXE (Power Exchange Central Europe) with deep know-how of the Czech market.

**European Commodity Clearing**, as the commodity exchange clearing house, offers clearing and settlement services for exchange as well as OTC transactions.

#### One platform for one European gas market

EEX Group is a group of specialized companies providing market platforms for energy and commodity products across the globe. The group offers market access and tailor-made solutions to trading participants as well as integrated process handling with its own clearing houses. The companies belonging to the group are specialized for the different markets and provide on-site support for their customers.





# GATEWAY TO THE **EAST**

Professional gas exchange products offered via EEX Gas

It all began in 2009 with the first trades on the Spot Market of the newly founded Austrian Gas Exchange at CEGH. And today? Over the years, CEGH has developed a versatile and consistently up to date gas trading cooperation with EEX and a nominations platform that functions as a gateway to the east and enables eastern market participants to become more active in Western Europe. Liquidity in the Austrian market is further increased and customers benefit from enhanced product availability.

#### One platform for multiple markets

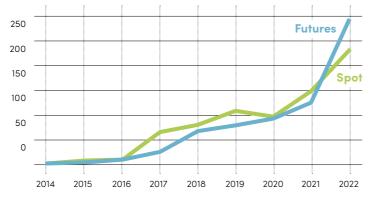
In the context of the cooperation, all spot and futures contracts for the Austrian gas market are now listed on EEX including spread products with other Western European hubs.

#### **Balanced** markets

The Austrian Gas Market Model provides the transparent and non-discriminatory trading of balancing energy. EEX CEGH Within Day Market offers a professional solution for the balancing market on a daily and hourly basis. Trading on the Within Day Market takes place 24/7.

## enable convient trading on the Within Day Market, the Day Ahead Market and the Futures Market in Austria and the Czech Republic. Thanks to its ideal geographic location, CEGH has turned into the favoured trading point for natural gas in CEE.

#### **EEX CEGH AUSTRIA** Gas market volumes in TWh 250 **Future**:



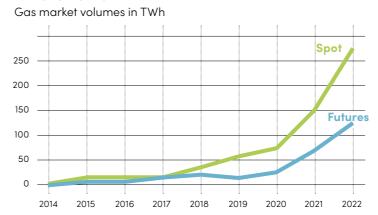
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DAY AHEAD MARKET

**FUTURES MARKET** 

WITHIN DAY MARKET

#### **EEX CEGH CZECH**



#### **Transparent reference prices**

CEGHIX, the Spot Index for the Austrian market, is a price signal for the gas exchange spot market. The CEGHIX guarantees a daily reference price, based on the volume weighted average price of all transactions (settlement window from 08:00 a.m. to 06:00 p.m.). It illustrates price signals, supports the increase of liquidity on the Austrian market and establishes EEX CEGH as a price setting point for Central and South-Eastern Europe. In addition, the CEGHEDI is an end of day price index based on exchange trades and/or orders calculated in a 15-minute settlement window. With this short settlement window at the end of the trading day this index reflects a price closer to the market development, offering more flexibility and opportunities for the trading and sales community.

# **ADDING** In every business customer-experience is key, and when it comes to gas trading, customers expect reliability.

it comes to gas trading, customers expect reliability, flexibility and technology. Which is exactly what CEGH as the operator of the Austrian Virtual Trading Point (VTP) and EEX as the operator of the EEX gas trading platform are offering: A professional one-stop-shop for gas traders.

#### Setting the standard in reliability

CEGH has a high number of international gas traders as active members who trust the expertise of both CEGH and EEX. Customers benefit from the bilateral trading and can rely on the physical settlement of the transactions at the Virtual Trading Point in Austria. The contractual risk of cleared transactions is covered by the European Commodity Clearing (ECC) clearing house, a strong partner and wellestablished company. Also perfectly clear: The exchange services are offered at transparent conditions and regulations under the EEX rulebook. The current market value guarantees the best possible price transparency.

"Reliability is crucial in the gas trading market and CEGH has managed to put it in concrete terms like trustworthy contractual services, safe physical settlement or transparent prices. The high and ever-growing number of active traders is a clear success indicator."

Tibor Papp, Head of Trading, MVM CEEnergy Zrt.

#### A focus on flexibility

Time is everything: CEGH is also able to handle large amounts of nominations and renominations are possible up to one hour before physical flow. Within Day Markets, Day Ahead Markets and Futures Markets for Austria and the Czech Republic are combined on a single platform for convenient trading and provide access to a wide range of products, including spreads. Our new Gas Storage Marketing Platform makes the trading of storage capacities easier and allows storage operators to enlarge their customer base.

#### Targeting technology

CEGH offers a state-of-the-art nomination platform for its customers. Mismatch notices are automatically generated and support clients in their nomination process. The clearly structured website scores with high usability and customer orientation such as market data services.

The unique REMIT platform of CEGH is a handy tool for publishing inside information and can be subscribed to via RSS feed and e-mail. CEGH also offers price index alerts to keep its customers up to date.

"The gas market is changing fast, and flexibility is more than just a buzzword. It's a real value and CEGH has managed to cater to those needs with a wide range of services. They understand what customers need today and constantly work on flexible solutions for tomorrow."

Dietrich Hoffmann, Head of Gas Origination, RWE Supply & Trading

#### We listen closely

Customer orientation is one of our key strengths. How do we put it into practice? On the one hand, we maintain close personal contact with our customers in our day-to-day business. On the other hand, we conduct professional customer surveys every other year, covering topics such as transparency, customer orientation and reliability. These are essential tools in enabling us to tailor our services exactly to the customer needs and to assess our performance.

With the EEX cooperation, we have taken another step towards meeting the market demands while improving results in the main categories.

> **97**% Trustworthy, reliable

90% Customer-/ serviceoriented

81% **Flexible** 

92% **Transparent** 

**SATISFACTION SURVEY 2022** or "largely apply" to CEGH

**CEGH CUSTOMER** Attributes that "fully apply"

Dynamic,

innovative

# RELY ON REAL TRANS-PARENCY

You say Energy Market, we say Transparency. The CEGH REMIT platform allows clients to comply with EU regulations for publication of insider information. Beyond the legal requirements, CEGH meets the demand for relevant market data with a clearly structured web-based database and helpful tools such as price index alerts.

#### Using CEGH's REMIT platform to ensure compliance

As an added value CEGH operates the first dedicated web-based platform for the publication of inside information in the region. This gives traders an easy tool to publish inside information in an effective and timely manner, in accordance with the EU REMIT regulations and fulfilling the ACER (Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Pegulators) requirements

REMIT Article 4 requires market participants to publish inside information in an effective and timely manner. Since publishing inside information exclusively on the individual company's website is not efficient, the CEGH REMIT platform makes it easy for market participants to fulfill their legal obligations and to avoid trading restrictions and penalties. It is recommended by the Austrian regulator Energie–Control Austria (E–Control) and meets legal obligations as well as the best practice criteria laid out by ACER.

Use of the platform is free of charge. Anyone may subscribe to the RSS Feed and the publication alerts via e-mail. For publication on the platform a separate registration is required.



# Transparent market data, huge possibilities

CEGH's website offers exclusive access to relevant market data – in exactly the information depth needed. Users are able to search for any past day on the exchange market and view or download the desired information. Different price indices such as CEGHEDI, CEGHIX, 1st Front Month, 1st Front Quarter and the CZ Spot Reference Price are available. Price index alerts enable traders to receive daily notifications for the CEGHIX index.

As for nominations on the VTP market, traders are able to check the monthly nominated volumes back until 2013 and download the figures for the nominated values on a daily basis. A list of all registered CEGH members is also available. Measures of liquidity according to the EFET (European Federation of Energy Traders) guidelines complete the offered services.

# THE CEGH APP FOR YOUR SMARTPHONE

As one of the first companies in the gas trading business, CEGH offered a platform to access all the data you need in the most transparent way. The CEGH App for mobile phones, launched in December 2020, offers you to stay up to date by giving you access to all CEGH market data and REMIT publications as well as the daily CEGHIX. Access all the EEX CEGH Gas Exchange prices and volumes directly in the App. Along with a clear structure, easy guidance and high usability available for download free of charge in App Store and Google Play.

#### FEATURES OF THE CEGH APP

- All EEX CEGH Gas market data directly in the App
- Check daily nominated CEGH VTP volumes
- Up to date with the latest REMIT publications
- Graph view of the price development





More information and download at www.cegh.at/app

# SET STORE IN FLEXIBILITY

Storage is crucial for a functioning supply of natural gas due to seasonal and short notice fluctuations in demand. With CEGH's Gas Storage Marketing Platform storage volumes in Austria can ensure gas traders as well as storage operators more flexibility and optimal capacity management.

#### Tapping into a huge potential

Austrian gas stores hold close to 100 terawatt-hours of natural gas as a backup between provider and consumer – security of supply is a very important factor. In addition to this, the adjacent supply systems have storage capacity available. With an innovative gas storage platform, these capacities can now be marketed for trading. This creates a win-win-situation: the Virtual Trading Point in Austria benefits as well as the storage system operators. Plus: The cooperation significantly supports market development.

#### Easy access

Supply and demand meet at the CEGH Gas Storage Marketing Platform: Gas storage operators can offer their free capacities, on which storage customers can place their bids free of charge. The allocation of the capacity is done by the gas storage operators. The online platform enables easy participation for all interested companies.

#### **Proven pioneers**

CEGH is well-known for its pioneering role on the gas market, anticipating many trends and creating future-oriented services and tools. The CEGH Gas Storage Marketing Platform creates a central spot to bundle available storage capacities that companies would otherwise market exclusively on their own website. Storage operators get the chance to expand their customer base and traders gain access to additional services for more flexibility. As always, we strive to further improve and develop this new service in accordance with customer needs.

#### How does it work?

Storage operators publish their free capacities and inform registered users. They also collect bids on the respective capacities and answer any product-related questions.

Platform users can see the offered capacities and place bids on them. They can also register for publication alerts to stay up to date.

CEGH operates the platform and provides technical support to traders and storage operators. CEGH has no access to placed offers or to any commercial data relating to the platform users.

"The European energy market is experiencing massive challenges, making it extremely difficult to balance supply and demand over locations and time. The well-established CEGH Gas Storage Marketing Platform helps us to reach an increased number of customers across Europe thus supporting the current renaissance of the gas storage market."

Harald Grabner, Managing Director, OMV Gas Storage

#### How do you want to trade?

CEGH offers two membership levels to fulfill different kinds of customer needs. Find out which membership is the right for you. How do you want to trade?

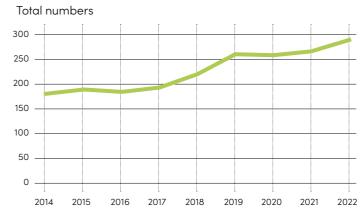
#### Membership as Virtual Trader

If you wish to engage in virtual trading without any physical settlement, a CEGH membership as a Virtual Trader is right for you. Please note: Your nominations have to be balanced, which means that selling and buying volumes must match on an hourly basis

## Membership as Balance Group Responsible Party (BGRP)

To benefit from all the advantages CEGH has to offer, choose a membership as BGRP. BGRP members are qualified for an exchange membership and physical settlement of transactions and all markets offered via the EEX Gas platform as well as CEGH services for bilateral trades including physical settlement on the Virtual Trading Point.

#### **CEGH MEMBERSHIP**



# If you would like to become a member, please contact:

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Or use our online form on www.cegh. at/en/application-for-membership/

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