

Latvian TSO Conexus Baltic Grid selects GRTgaz to modernise its grid

[GRTgaz](#) and Latvian integrated transmission and storage system operator [Conexus Baltic Grid](#) sign a service agreement to modernise networks and support the energy transition.

Conexus Baltic Grid is national unified natural gas transmission and storage operator (TSO) in Latvia, managing 1188 km long gas pipeline connection system and one of the most modern natural gas storage facilities in Europe - Inčukalns underground gas storage. The TSO faces new issues in modernising its infrastructures and the energy transition.

To this end, Conexus Baltic Grid selected GRTgaz for its European expertise in these fields. It is the first partnership for GRTgaz in this region of the European Union. GRTgaz is awarded a 2-year mission covering several fields of technical expertise, project management, research & development, as well as information systems.

Following the European Green Deal action plan, Conexus has identified its progression towards decarbonization. This requires research involving professionals with knowledge in research & innovation field together with previous experience by implementing project under European Green Deal.

“The gas infrastructures in Europe will have to adapt and rise to new challenges in coming years. We are keen to help Conexus benefit from our expertise in energy transition, hydrogen and pipeline maintenance and repairs. This first project in Latvia reinforces our expertise and growth ambitions. GRTgaz intends to showcase its expertise on an international project to other European gas transmission system operators,” comments Thierry Trouvé, CEO of GRTgaz.

GRTgaz has also secured other European partnerships with German gas grid operators [Ontras](#) and [Creos Deutschland](#).

“Our cooperation with one of the leading natural gas operators in Europe, who also runs energy research and innovation center, is a major benefit in reaching Conexus objective and strategic goals coming nearer to the green course. It is promising that our cooperation will allow us to introduce even more innovative and efficient solutions in Conexus operations, thus bringing us closer to world-class practices, especially in the decarbonization of the energy sector”, comments Ivars Ščerbickis, Head of Technical Development and Investment department of Conexus Baltic Grid.

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GRTgaz is a European gas transmission leader and a world expert in gas systems. In France, the company operates more than 32,000 km of buried pipelines to transport gas from suppliers to consumers connected to its

network (managers of public distribution systems that serve municipalities, power plants and more than 700 industrial sites). GRTgaz carries out public service missions to guarantee the continuity of gas transmission and offers its customers services providing access to the network and improving their energy performance. With its subsidiaries Elengy, the European leader in LNG terminal services, and GRTgaz Deutschland, the operator of the MEGAL transmission network in Germany, GRTgaz plays a key role in the European gas infrastructure scene. It also exports its know-how internationally, in particular thanks to the services developed by its research centre, RICE (Research & Innovation Center for Energy). As a player in the energy transition, GRTgaz invests in innovative solutions to accommodate as much renewable gas as possible on its network, including hydrogen, to provide support for these new sectors, and thus contribute to achieving carbon neutrality. Find us on grtgaz.com, [@GRTgaz](https://www.energiesdespossibles.fr), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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JSC Conexus Baltic Grid is the national unified natural gas transmission and storage operator (TSO) in Latvia, managing 1188 km long gas pipeline connection system and one of the most modern natural gas storage facilities in Europe - Inčukalns underground gas storage, which is also the only gas storage facility in the Baltic States. JSC Conexus Baltic Grid was founded in December 2016, when JSC Latvijas Gaze gas utility was reorganized into two separate structural units due to following liberalization of the Latvian gas market in 2017. Since 1 January 2020, Conexus is a part of the single natural gas market, which unites gas transmission system operators in Latvia, Estonia and Finland. Single natural gas market foresees canceled charges for all Member States for cross-border, common transmission tariffs and promoted market competition, marking the way for the creation of a single gas market in the European Union. Find us on <https://conexus.lv/en>, [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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