

European Energy Market Liberalisation: Perspectives and Experiences

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Gas is supporting the transformation towards decarbonization in Europe and globally



Diversification to ensure security of supply and tailor-made products for customers





The process often accelerates after a slow start





Market liberalisation is a multi-step process



Liberalisation Process

- Legal unbundling of competitive segments (production, distribution, supply)
- Measures preventing a large market share of any one single player
- Full control of **one authority** over issues like
 - non-discriminatory 3rd party access to infrastructure
 - network tariffs
 - network investments
- Freedom of choice for large customers to select their supplier
- Creation of competition in generation/procurement
- Competition and freedom of choice in the retail market

Companies need to find new ways to capture value Increased M&A activity



Sources: Figure based on IEA (2019), Gas Market Liberalisation Reform, https://webstore.iea.org/gas-market-liberalisation-reform

Operating almost one century in the gas and power business





Uniper's journey

- Environment has changed massively over the last two decades
- Changing and remaining successful and competitive has been crucial:
 - Reliable and secure supply for all our customers
 - Corporate structure
 - New skills
 - New partners
 - New scope of business



Customer focus and partnerships are key, particularly during a transformation process



Understanding customer needs to develop tailor-made energy solutions

Sales is crucial for the development of the portfolio in line with customer needs

- Reliability to the customer is a Uniper key value, also during a transformation process
- Integrated approach: Optimisation&Trading needs to act in concert with Sales
- Simultaneously, internal department interfaces to be kept at a minimum,

flow of information needs to be unhindered to allow identifying opportunities



Lessons Learned and conclusions from the market liberalisation process

Many external influences with impact on the energy industry happened in parallel. Thinking in scenarios and preparing for different situations is important to enable quick, appropriate reactions.

The company needed to learn new skills to compete in the new energy world. This was done by training and selectively bringing in new people and working with partners. Continuous cost focus is essential, but not sufficient alone.

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The company needed to expand its business scope to be competitive in a globalized and digitalized world. New partnerships and business relationships were established.

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Restructuring (spin offs, M&A) was used to change the focus of the company. For this to succeed a holistic view on the strategic and financial situation (no copy/paste for other cases) needed to be employed.



What assets do we need to be successful in such competitive markets?



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