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## Reaching the goal faster together: Uniper and TenneT Germany strengthen electricity infrastructure in the Frankfurt metropolitan area

- **Agreement enables new central network node in Großkrotzenburg by 2030 – significantly earlier than planned**
- **380 kV switchgear strengthens power supply in the Rhine-Main area**
- **New network infrastructure sets course for the transformation of Uniper's Staudinger site**

The Rhine-Main region is the central location for Germany's digitalization. Due to the high density of existing and planned data centers in the greater Frankfurt area, a significant increase in demand for electricity and high-performance grid connections is expected in the coming years. In order to ensure long-term security of supply, the grid infrastructure must be comprehensively and rapidly developed.

With a joint agreement, energy supplier Uniper and transmission system operator TenneT Germany are now laying the foundation for significantly accelerating a key project from the grid development plan. The sale of part of a plot of land at the Staudinger power plant site in Großkrotzenburg by Uniper will enable TenneT Germany to build a new switching station there, thereby creating a new central grid node for the region's electricity supply. The plant is scheduled to go into operation by 2030 – significantly earlier than previously planned.

The core of the project is the construction of a new 380-kilovolt switchyard, which will create extensive additional capacity for urgently needed customer connections in the Rhine-Main area. The connection of new and existing extra-high-voltage lines will further strengthen electricity transmission to the Frankfurt metropolitan area and neighboring regions, particularly Lower Franconia.

At the same time, the new grid infrastructure will form the basis for connecting important Uniper transformation projects at the Staudinger site. Plans include a hydrogen-ready combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) plant as part of the German government's expected tender for flexible generation capacities, as well as the prospective establishment of battery storage facilities and data centers.

**Holger Kreetz, COO of Uniper:** “Together with TenneT Germany, we are accelerating grid expansion in the heart of Germany, thereby strengthening the power supply in the Rhine-Main region. For Uniper, the new grid node is another important basis for consistently transforming our Staudinger site – with a planned highly efficient, hydrogen-ready gas-fired power plant and possible additional projects in the future, such as battery storage facilities and data centers. In this way, we are combining security of supply with sustainability.”

**Ina Kamps, COO of TenneT Germany:** “With this project, we are launching our extensive grid expansion program in the Rhine-Main region, one of Germany's key growth areas. The cooperation with Uniper demonstrates how partnership-based approaches can deliver significant time advantages and efficiency gains in infrastructure development. This central network node strengthens security of supply and supports the transformation of the energy infrastructure in Hesse and beyond. At the same time, we are creating key prerequisites for the further digitalization of the region as a business location.”

With their collaboration, Uniper and TenneT Germany are sending a clear signal for an efficient, secure, and sustainable energy infrastructure in Hesse.



Further information on TenneT Germany's grid expansion projects in the region can be found at [MainNetzausbau: Frankfurt und Rhein-Main](#)

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**About TenneT Germany**

TenneT Germany is the largest transmission system operator in Germany (based on circuit length, installed capacity and size of operating zone as of 31 December 2024). The company operates critical infrastructure that secures access to a reliable, sustainable and affordable electricity supply. TenneT Germany is one of the largest investors in electricity grids on land and at sea in Germany. Located at the Northwest European energy crossroads, TenneT Germany connects: North and South. Offshore and Onshore. Germany and Europe. With its approximately 5,000 employees the company builds, maintains and operates Germany's largest transmission grid with a length over 14,000 km connecting more than a third of the European Union's total offshore wind capacity. Its growth is driven by a rapidly evolving electricity demand that requires a flexible and growing grid architecture. TenneT Germany is part of TenneT Group, the European leader in cross-border grid development and pioneer in linking mainland Europe to one of the world's largest renewable energy sources, the North Sea.

**About Uniper**

Düsseldorf-based Uniper is a European energy company with global reach and operations in more than 40 countries. It has about 7,500 employees and plays a key role in ensuring a secure energy supply in Europe, particularly in its core markets of Germany, the United Kingdom, Sweden, and the Netherlands. Uniper's 14 gigawatts of flexible power generating capacity make it a mainstay of reliable power production. Uniper is a leading gas trader and one of Northwestern Europe's most important LNG importers, and its broad procurement portfolio enhances supply security. Uniper's investments in renewables, hydrogen, and other low-carbon energy carriers propel the transformation of the energy system.

Uniper provides energy and services to about 1,000 municipalities and industrial companies in its home market, Germany. Uniper is also Germany's largest operator of gas storage facilities and hydropower plants.

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