

#### **International Gas Union**



# RUSSIA AND GERMANY: A SOUD REGIONAL ENERGY PARTNERSHIP



# **Background**



- Market integration on a global and regional scale will be a priority topic for debate and consideration
  - Theoretical: developing frameworks and fundamental research
  - Practical: learning from lessons elsewhere and applying them to other regions
- · German energy relationship with Russia
  - Orenburg pipeline deal was made early mid-1970s
  - Russian up-stream sector was interconnected with the West German down-stream market
  - Remarkable achievement during the Cold War
  - Russian energy supply presently is essential for Europe
  - European energy payments are instrumental for the Russian economy
  - → Win-win situation for Russia and Germany (Europe)



## Development after cold war



- New phase of cooperation (more integrated) after the end of the Cold War
- New form of interaction between privately owned companies in Germany and a state-controlled National Oil Company in Russia (Gazprom)
- Foundation of this win-win relationship:
  - Upstream players wish to integrate downstream, towards the end-consumer in their search for security of demand
  - Downstream players seek security of supply in the form of access to upstream resources
  - Long-term strategic positions through business-to-business cooperation



## **Examples of Relationship**



#### Wintershall - Gazprom

- Upstream
  - Wintershall is minor but important stakeholder on the Siberian Yuzhno Russkoye gas field
  - Aim: Motivating producers to develop smaller fields first, providing an upfront economic value and incentive to its stakeholders
- Downstream
  - Wintershall is the main wholesale seller of Russian natural gas on the German domestic market
  - · Wingas was designed to market Russian gas in Europe

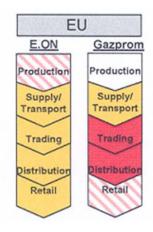
#### E.ON - Gazprom

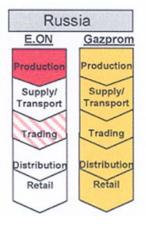
- Upstream
  - E.ON has also 24 percent share in Yuzhno Russkoye
  - · Generating power for Russia with natural gas from Gazprom
- Downstream
  - Gazprom is E.ON's major partner in the Hungarian natural gas sector



# Asset swap along the chain value









E.ON, Cooperation between gas producers and importers as a vehicle for enhancing security of supply, presentation held for the 'Energy Dialogue Russia – EU,' Berlin, May 26th 2006



## **Perspectives**



- Business-to-business deals can lead to a potentially stable, predictable and above all sustainable commercial environment
- German end-consumer avail oneself of the cooperation between Germany and Russia
- It is in the end-consumer's best interest that not only short-term considerations be taken into account, but long-run ones as well
- In a liberalized environment the end-consumer makes decisions based on the short-run, the necessary security of supply remains a long-run issue!
- German-Russian example presented an exponent of cooperation, a role model for other European consumer countries
  - Mutually beneficial deals are possible
  - Both parties can profit from cross-border partnerships