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An innovative marketing approach

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GrDF's marketing approach to achieve ambitious customer acquisition goals

A mitigated statement

Natural gas image is exposed to **ecological**, **economic and political threats**

4 marketing challenges to achieve ambitious customer acquisition goals

- **1** Co-creation: a disruptive marketing strategy
 - Packaged offerings designed to focus on the customer needs
 - A new way of driving the heating sector by creating a common language
- 4 An updated communication around and about natural gas

First encouraging results

Results that demonstrate customer rising interest

Key indicators: natural gas image is exposed to ecological, economic and political threats

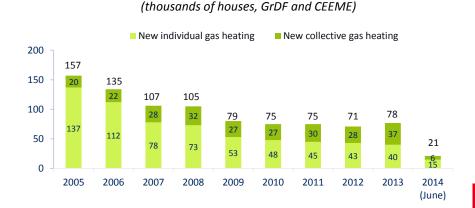
Volatile natural gas perception: the perfect energy after wood

Mitigated statement for natural gas in customer perception and sales figures

In 2013, natural gas (27,6%) grew 8 points compared to 2012. Wood is still ahead (28,1%). Electricity is stable (20%) .

The perfect energy for Heating (CREDOC, French household survey, January 2014) 40% Natural gas 35% 30% Electricity 25% Fuel oil 20% 15% Wood 10% City heating Solar 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

Less and less
natural gas new customers
on the renovation market



Natural gas new customer in renovation

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Co-creation: a disruptive marketing strategy

More than 50 Expert Gas Professionals invited to share their experience and build the offerings



A range of offerings created and challenged by those who sell it and buy it

Open Labs with internal teams to get a field view and mobilize them





Open Labs with French Consumer Associations to challenge the offerings and services







Focus groups with consumers to check their appeal to the offerings

"I did not know that natural gas could be combined with solar energy" "I do not have a basement and I do not want pipes that run all over my house".

"Everyone can find a solution that suits them".



"The prices are fair and fall within our estimates".

"I got major work done and
I would have liked to get accommodation
close to my home".

"I am going to approach my plumber to get a quote".

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Packaged offerings and innovative services designed to focus on the customer needs

Customer needs

GrDF's answers



To be reassured and oriented



Clear and accessible range of offerings
Services to guide the customer all along
his project
Ready to promote gas professionals





To assess their future investment



Price examples for heating solutions





To be able to choose



Heating solutions designed for every customer needs and finances





To consider also comfort, pleasure and modernity



Promotion of little-known and attractive natural gas equipments: stoves and fireplaces, smart heating control, modern radiators, new generators...



Packaged offerings giving the customer factual information on natural gas solutions



Fiche technique



- Technical packages for every customer needs and finances
- Factual information on the heating solutions: energy savings, energy label, investment
- A communication based on distinct atmospheres, on decoration and pleasure



A common language shared by heating professionals, fabricants, GrDF and the customer

600 gas professionals (GrDF partners) covering 100% of the French territory with their own offerings

They have been trained by GrDF teams to the offers These offers are now part of their own catalogue



Opening of the GrDF ecosystem to new fabricants (stoves, smart heating control, external cooking...)

Incumbent fabricants (boilers) that communicate on the new offers









An updated communication around and about natural gas

The website biencheznous.fr



A guide of natural gas heating solutions fitted for each target



Web movies dedicated to GrDF solutions





Press articles in special interest magazines (home, design...)







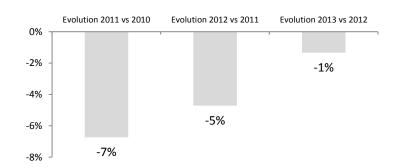
Communication in professional press (for plumbers, fabricants...)





First results show a growing customer interest for natural gas value proposition

In 2013, contribution to stop the decrease of gas new customers



First encouraging results

A growing number of leads qualified by the teams, that shows GrDF's capacity to give the potential customer an interest in natural gas

A presentation strategy and communication plan attracting potential customers that would not have thought of natural gas before

- > More than 137 000 unique visitors on biencheznous.fr
- > 368 000 unique visitors on web movie dedicated to the GrDF offers
- > 642 sales leads directly coming from the new commercial website
- > 238 online requests for magazines in 2013