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Sustainability and annual report 2023



Service



"Enhancement of Latvia-Lithuania Interconnection" (ELLI) project completed

"Enhancement of Latvia-Lithuania Interconnection" (ELLI) project was completed in 2023. Within the project, Conexus implemented 17 sub-projects in Latvia, such as rebuilding of several valve nodes, branch lines to GRS and GRS connections to pipeline. From 13 November 2023, following the implementation of the project, the capacity was increased to 90 GWh/d in the direction towards Latvia with a possible dynamic increase to approximately 100 GWh/d and to 82 GWh/d in the direction towards Lithuania with a possible dynamic increase to approximately 100 GWh/d.

Gas domain protocol approved

On 13 December 2023, the Association of Issuing Bodies (AIB) formally approved gas domain protocol for Latvia making Conexus a formal member of the AIB's Gas Scheme Group. The Domain Protocol sets out the rules for the circulation of guarantees of origin allowing the issuance of gas guarantees of origin that comply with the international standard. In accordance with the requirements of the Energy Law, Conexus has established a system for the issuance, circulation and control of guarantees of origin for gas from renewable energy sources.



Storage capacity fully booked

Inčukalns underground gas storage capacity is fully booked at 24.4 TWh (including energy supply security reserves) for 2023/2024 storage cycle.



Environment



Conexus will conduct market study on hydrogen infrastructure development in Latvia

During the reporting year, Conexus, together with other national transmission system operators from Finland, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland and Germany, has launched the Northern-Baltic Hydrogen Corridor project, dedicated for creation of the cross-border hydrogen transmission corridor from Finland through Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland to Germany by 2030.



Development of first biomethane entry point in Baltics

With the aim to promote production of biomethane and its free circulation in Latvia, Conexus continues to develop a solution, allowing biomethane producers to deliver biomethane to a centralised biomethane entry point using special mobile gas containers to be fed into the common gas transmission system.

Planned solar panel park construction

Implementation of climate-friendly and sustainable energy solutions is one of Conexus' strategic directions. During the reporting year, Conexus has concluded a contract for the construction of a solar panel park, including purchase of the equipment, in the territory of Inčukalns UGS following an open procurement procedure. The project is planned to be completed by the next spring. The use of solar energy is expected to generate around 1 000 000 kWh per year and it is forecasted to provide 25 % of the total electricity consumption in the storage.

Environmental impact

No significant environmental infringements were identified. All conditions set out in environmental legislation were met.



Governance

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"S&P Global Ratings" agency keeps Conexus credit rating unchanged

The BBB+ credit rating with a stable outlook has been maintained. In its report, S&P notes that it views Latvia's regulatory framework for gas transmission and storage as supportive for the sector and offers regulatory transparency at least until 2026.

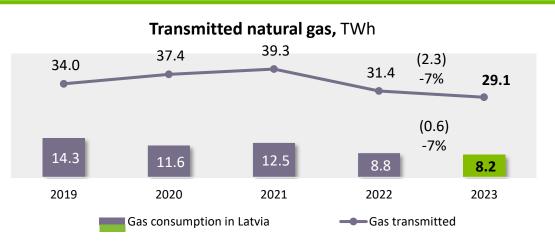
Ban of natural gas supply from Russia

Delivery of natural gas were made from Klaipeda liquefied gas terminal, from Inkoo liquefied gas terminal and from Inčukalns underground gas storage. In accordance with Energy Law, natural gas from the Russian Federation has not been supplied for consumption in Latvia.

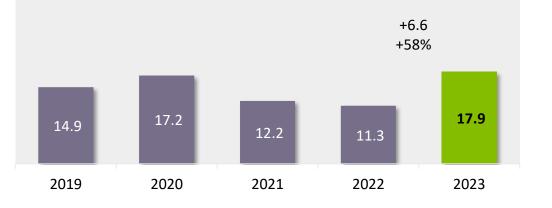




Key facts



Inčukalns UGS filling at the end of reporting period, TWh

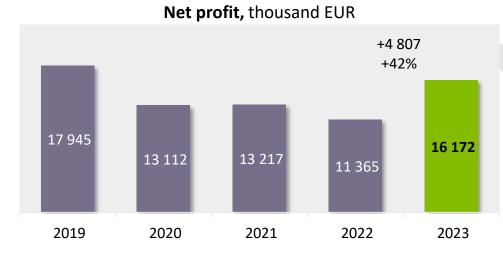






Main financial indicators





Management Board proposal for distribution of profit 2023:

to pay EUR 11 935 826.70 (EUR 0.30 per share) to shareholders in dividends with 6 June 2024 set as date of payment of the dividends.



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Thank you!

