

Eandis cvba

Investor Presentation

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1. Executive Summary & Recent Developments



Executive Summary

Eandis is the overall name for Eandis Assets (EA)*, a Flemish electricity and gas distribution grid operator, and Eandis System Operator (ESO), the operating company.

- <u>Eandis System Operator CVBA</u> is fully owned by Eandis Assets. ESO is the **operating arm of the 100% regulated electricity and gas distribution networks owned by EA**, authorised in that role by decision of the Flemish energy regulator VREG (24 February 2015). As such, it is entrusted with a number of quasi-government **public service tasks**
- <u>Eandis Assets</u> is an **intermunicipal company** and is **100**% **publicly owned** (i.e. by municipalities and provinces) since the exit of Electrabel NV on 29 December 2014
- Eandis serves approx. **2,6 million access points for electricity** and **1,7 million access points for gas**. Its distribution services cover **229 municipalities** (approx. 78 % of all Flemish municipalities). Its operating revenue and pre-tax profit (*Eandis Economic Group IFRS*) were respectively **2,7 bn** € and **427,2 mio** € for 2015
- The company is of **strategic importance to the Flemish Region** (S&P: AA/F: AA) and its general policy aim of realising Europe's climate and energy objectives
- Moody's identifies Eandis as a government-related issuer given the current ownership by Flemish municipalities and provinces and the high probability of systemic support to the DSO from the Flemish Region. Eandis's current rating with Moody's is A1 (negative outlook)

^{*} under conditions precedent, see slide 2



Executive Summary

Eandis covers about 78 % of the municipalities of the Flemish region Strategic Importance to Electricity and natural gas are the two most important energy sources in Flanders/Belgium the Flemish Region Local authorities own 100% of Eandis Assets' share capital since the end of 2014 Eandis Assets has a legally based regional monopoly for electricity and gas distribution to residential customers and SMEs Very Favourable Multi-annual tariff mechanism with a 4 year regulatory period along the principles of a revenue cap model, including a fair profit margin **Regulatory Environment** as remuneration on invested capital (Revenue Cap) 2015 and 2016 regulatory tariffs approved by the Flemish energy regulator VREG, based on a tariff methodology for the transitory tariff period 2015-2016 The associated structure of 1 DSO (EA) with an operating company (ESO) allows for an efficient operating scheme and benefits of scale **Efficient Operating** Pooling of operational, financial and management activities; all staff at ESO Scheme Several cost optimisation initiatives launched Predictable revenue streams based on regulatory framework for the DSO Strong Cash Flow For the time being, 7 separate tariffs (corresponding to the ex-DSOs merged into Eandis Assets) are maintained Visibility Tariffs are fixed for long periods (up to 4 years as from 2017), although 2015-2016 is a 2-year transitory period Legal Monopoly and Low Low business risk - EA is not involved in the competitive energy generation, trading or sales activities Risk Electricity & Gas EA owns 78% of the distribution network in Flanders Distribution Legally, competitors may not participate in distribution activities in the designated operating areas Leverage: equity at 37.1% of RAB (BE-GAAP, as per 31 December 2015), **Conservative Capital** The VREG tariff methodology 2015-2016 recommends DSO balance sheet structure with equity/RAB ratio at 45% Structure Regulator provides for a WACC-based fair profit margin The Flemish region is Belgium's most populated region (6,44 million on 1 Jan 2015 (1) – 57,5% of national population) "Flanders is one of the wealthiest regions in Europe. It benefits from a well-diversified economy, skilled workforce and high quality

Very Favourable Economic Dynamics

infrastructure." "Guaranteed debt and public-private partnerships commitments are high but represent moderate risks, due to the nature of guaranteed entities (public authorities, social housing companies) and also because of the Flemish Community's prudent risk management policies." (Fitch, 11 April 2014) "[...] our view of the "predictable and well-balanced" institutional framework for communities

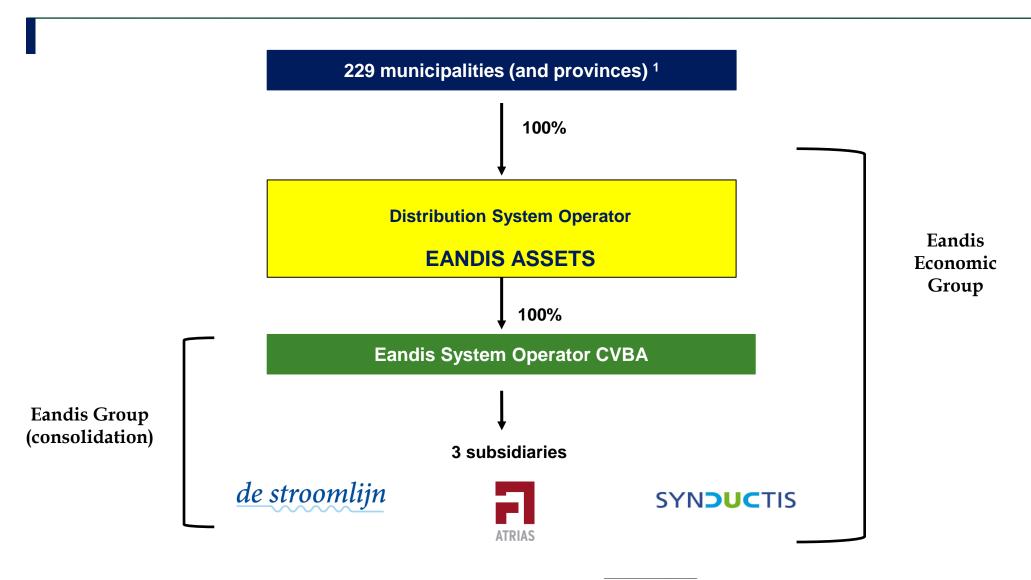
and regions. We also factor in Flanders' very attractive and diversified economy, the community's "very positive" financial management and liquidity, its sound budgetary performance, and very moderate debt. (S&P Research Update 7 March 2014)

■ GDP per capita 35.743 EUR (2014). "Flanders is a prosperous region: (...) it ranks 5th among the benchmark regions in 2010. (...) Flanders' performance is the result of a high labour productivity: scoring 3rd place can be called excellent. (...) The unemployment rate is among the lowest of the benchmark regions at 4,5% in 2012" (Flanders Outlook 2014, Research Centre of the Government of Flanders,

⁽¹⁾ Source: Statistics Belgium 2015



Eandis Economic Group's Corporate Structure (as from 1 January 2016)



⁽¹⁾ According to Flemish legislation, provinces allowed in DSO's capital until 31 December 2018 at the latest.



Corporate Structure for the Eandis Economic Group

Transparent and flexible corporate structure

- flexible decision-making structure allows for maintaining close links with 229 municipalities
- structure reflects clear bottom-up division of powers within the Eandis Economic Group:

ESO Board of Directors (16 members): Group's general strategy and policy, financing, ESO's corporate matters

EA Board of Directors (48 members): DSO's matters, EA's corporate matters

16 Regional Governing Committees (255 members): only local matters



Eandis vs other Belgian distribution grid operators

Eandis versus its peers in Belgium (Infrax, Sibelga, ORES and Resa) (1)

Eandis, Sibelga and ORES exclusively operate electricity and gas networks (**regulated activities**); Infrax also operates cable television and sewage systems. Resa is part of the TECTEO Group, a multi-utility for energy distribution, telecom infrastructure and telecom content, financial investments, ICT services and renewable energies.

Eandis is by far the largest E + G operator in Belgium, with an integrated operating area, enabling the company to **maximise benefits of scale** [Eandis figures as per 31 Dec 2015, others as per 31 Dec 2014]:

| | Eandis | Infrax | Sibelga | ORES | Resa | |
|---|------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|------------------------|--|
| municipalities served (E/G) | 229 | 93 | 19 | 198 | 71 | |
| operating area | Flanders | Flanders | Brussels | Wallonia | Wallonia | |
| employees | 4.041 | 1.588 | 1.018 | 2.267 | approx. 900 | |
| | | | | | | |
| connections E | 2.641.551 | 744.266 | 699.282 | 1.466.942 | 571.236 ⁽²⁾ | |
| connections G | 1.740.197 | 341.557 | 504.616 | 534.225 | | |
| Regulated Asset Base 2015 E+G (incl. Net Working Capital) – in m€ | 7.902,5 ⁽³⁾ | 1.905 | 1.125,2 | 3.324,9 | | |

⁽¹⁾ Source: companies' information (annual reports and websites)

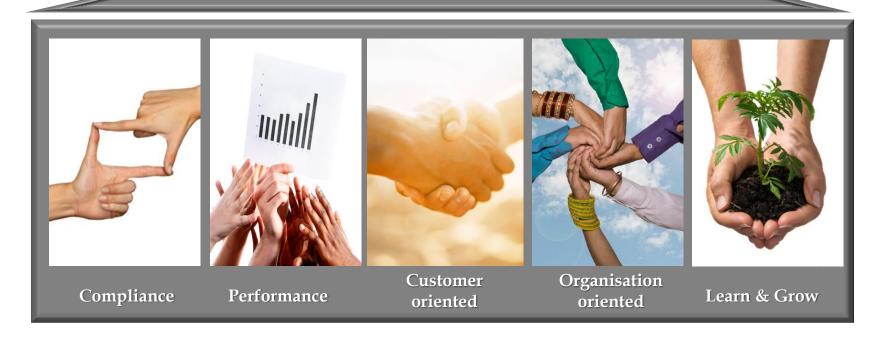
⁽²⁾ Aggregate for E and G

⁽³⁾ Excl. NWC: 7.840,2 m€



Corporate Strategy (1)

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<u>for regulated core activities</u>: operational excellence in delivering high quality services to our customers

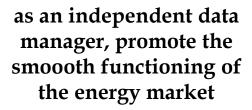
<u>for non-regulated activities</u>: make active use of opportunities which support our strategic focus and enhance our strengths [e.g. district heating projects]

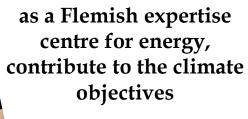


Corporate Strategy (2): our 4 value propositions



manage grids in a safe, costefficient and reliable way





reduce energy poverty in collaboration with all parties concerned





Executive Summary

Moody's Corporate Rating for Eandis

A1 (negative outlook)

Credit strengths:

- rating underpinned by strong linkage with the region
- 3 notches of rating uplift reflecting high probability of support from the Flemish Community if necessary
- transparent and supportive regulatory framework
- · low business risk profile of regulated distribution operations
- tender for external equity partner could significantly improve financial metrics

Credit challenges:

- regulatory framework with relatively short track record
- weakening of financial profile due to ongoing capex needs and tariff deficits; additional debt related to Electrabel exit from: Moody's Credit Opinion (10 Sep 2015)

MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE

Credit Opinion: Eandis CVBA

Global Credit Research - 10 Sep 2015

Belgium

Ratings

| Category | Moody's Rating |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Outlook | Negative |
| Bkd Issuer Rating -Dom Curr | A1 |
| Bkd Senior Unsecured -Dom Curr | A1 |

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Key Indicators

[1]Eandis CVBA

| | 12/31/2014 | 12/31/2013 |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| FFO Interest Coverage | 3.6x | 4.0x |
| Net Debt / Fixed Assets | 80.5% | 68.0% |
| FFO / Net Debt | 8.3% | 11.2% |
| RCF / Net Debt | 5.3% | 6.8% |

[1] All ratios are based on 'Adjusted' financial data and incorporate Moody's Glol

Rating history:

- 12 Oct 2011-13 Mar 2014 : A1 (negative)
- 13 Mar 2014-2 Dec 2014: A1 (stable)
- as from 2 Dec 2014: A1 (negative)



2015 Highlights [1]

- 9 January: 61,6 mio EUR **capital increase** at the DSOs
- 30 January: telecom operator **Proximus joins Synductis**, reinforcing the latter's synergy potential
- 3 February: VREG renews the **DSOs' license for electricity** (valid until 5 September 2026)
- 24 February: VREG allows the DSOs to make use of Eandis's services as **operating company** for electricity (valid until 5 September 2026)
- 1 March: VREG allows modifications of **distribution grid fee electricity** to allow for changes in the transmission grid fee (Elia)
- 26 March: Eandis introduces a fleet of **22 gas and CNG vehicles** to be used by metering staff , testifying of Eandis's commitment towards CO₂ reduction and sustainable mobility
- April: **Sibelgas** raises capital with 27 mio EUR, using non-paid out reserves
- 26 June: **2**nd **round of DSOs' capital increase** with 29,1 mio EUR raised (total: 90,7 mio EUR)



2015 Highlights [2]

- June: water company **Pidpa** joins Synductis
- 1 July: VREG approves the DSOs' tariff proposals introducing the **corporate income tax** impact ⁽¹⁾ into the grid tariffs as from 1 August 2015
- 1 July: Brussels Court of Appeal rules that the regional energy regulators (VREG a.o.) are competent for the establishment of the DSOs' 2010-2014 regulatory balances still to be recovered by the DSOs through the grid tariffs
- 19 August: dual **proposal regarding group structure** approved by the Economic Group's governing bodies:
 - merger of 7 DSOs into 1 DSO
 - merged DSO's share capital to be opened up for entry of external partner (once appropriate legal context is in place)
- November: Eandis kicks off formal procedure to attract a **external partner** for Eandis
- 2 December: Eandis's General Assembly approves the merger with its own subsidiary **Indexis**, effective 1 January 2016
- 29 December: all DSOs ratify the merger of 7 DSOs into Eandis Assets, effective 1 January 2016⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾ Belgian intermunicipal DSOs are no longer exempt from corporate income tax since 1 January 201.5 due to federal legislation of December 2014

⁽²⁾ Subject to a number of conditions precedent



2016 Highlights YTD

- 1 January: operations and staff of **Indexis** integrated into Eandis System Operator
- **Synductis**: Infrax (sewage activity) and De Watergroep (water distribution) join
- decision of the Flemish Government: installation of charging infrastructure for electrical vehicles is a new Public Service Obligation for the DSOs
- 18 April: protocol signed between Eandis and Flemish Energy Company (Vlaams Energiebedrijf) on joint approach of local authorities
- 19 May: Eandis and Infrax incorporate 'warmte@vlaanderen', a joint venture for the development of district heating projects in Flanders
- 1 June: Eandis announces exclusive negotiations with **State Grid International Development** as preferred bidder for a 14% stake in Eandis Assets
- End June:
 - exit of the **provinces** Antwerp and East-Flanders (province of West-Flanders will exit end 2018)
 - o **financing associations** will become shareholder in Eandis Assets (100 mEUR)

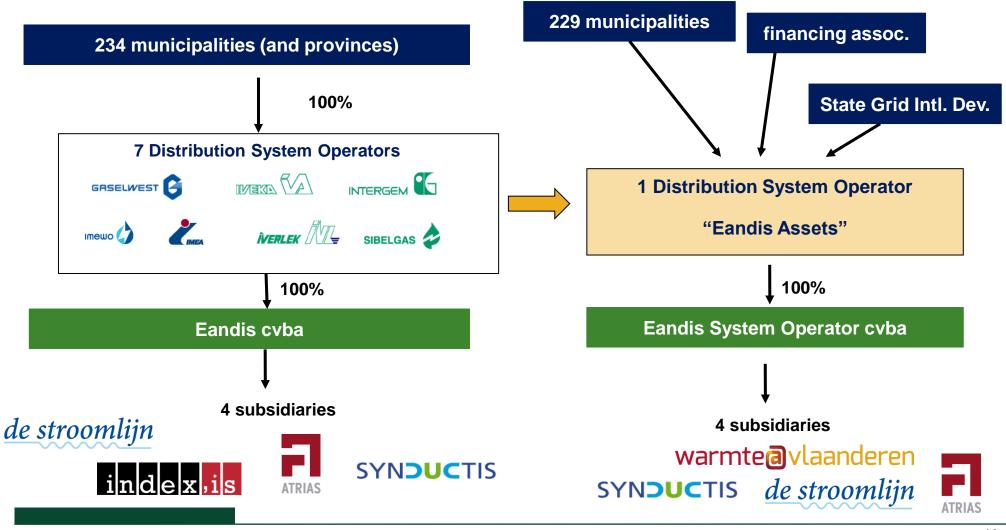
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Changes to Eandis Economic Group's Structure

TO BE structure after implementation of DSO merger, exit of provinces, entry of financing associations, entry of an external partner, integration of Indexis and incorporation of warmte@vlaanderen (structure 2015 on the left)





Corporate Social Responsibility

- Strategic focus on **sustainability & corporate social responsibility** with the overall aim to realize the Flemish climate objectives:
 - Eandis positions itself as the **preferred partner of local authorities** in their drive towards energy efficiency positive response to **Energy Services for Local Authorities** (>70% of municipalities started a concrete project)
 - **objective**: reduction of our own CO₂ emissions with 20% by 2020 (compared to 2008)
 - sustainable mobility:
 - Eandis actively promotes **electric mobility** and the implementation of charging infrastructure
 - Eandis fleet of **CNG and natural gas vehicles** will grow to 100 vehicles
- **Solar panels** on HQ (Melle) and office buildings in Sint-Niklaas 5 more sites to follow total generation capacity of 854.000 kWh per year
- Well-defined and documented Corporate Governance policy: Corporate Governance Charter & Ethical Charter
- Integral risk management and actively pursued risk-based internal auditing
- **CSR Report 2015** entitled "Our Expertise for the Climate and against Energy Poverty" [GRI-4 core option] focuses on company's CSR strategy and results see corporate website



Investment highlights

Key considerations

Strategic importance to the Flemish Region



Legal monopolistic business and low risk electricity & gas distribution



Regulated business with strong and predictable cash flow generation

















The strength of Eandis's credit is confirmed by a favourable A1 rating from Moody's.



2. Financial Overview (Economic Group)

- Summary financials FY 2013-2015
- Capex programme 2015 (actuals)
- Short term financing
- Debt and maturity profile
- Investment programme 2016-2018
- Financing needs and funding 2016-2018
- Financial policies and strategy

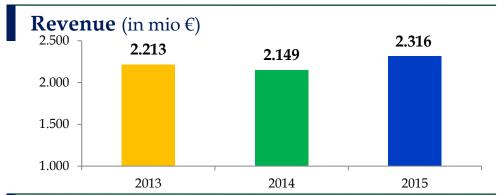


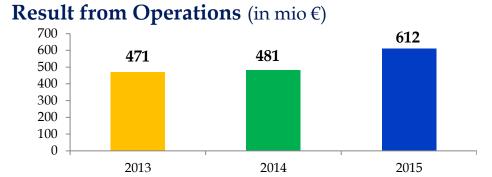
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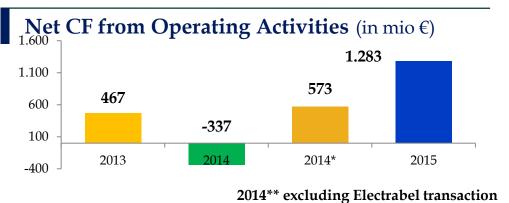
Summary Financials FY 2013-2015 (actuals) for the Economic Group

Financials (IFRS)

| (in mio €) | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Income statement | | | |
| Revenue | 2.213 | 2.149 | 2.316 |
| Total Operating Income | 2.956 | 2.781 | 2.678 |
| Total Operating Expenses | -2.484 | -2.300 | -2.066 |
| Result from Operations | 471 | 481 | 612 |
| Net Financial Income/Expense | -143 | -253 | -185 |
| Profit before Tax | 328 | 228 | 427 |
| Profit for the period | 320 | 417 | 284 |
| Other Comprehensive Income | 113 | -546 | 48 |
| Total Comprehensive Income | 433 | -129 | 333 |
| Balance Sheet | | | |
| Current Assets | 1.314 | 2.306 | 1.815 |
| Non-Current Assets | 7.724 | 7.855 | 7.908 |
| Total Assets | 9.039 | 10.161 | 9.723 |
| Total Equity (attributable to parent) | 2.978 | 2.607 | 1.976 |
| Non-Current Liabilities | 5.041 | 6.464 | 6.027 |
| Current Liabilities | 1.019 | 1.089 | 1.719 |
| Total Liabilities | 6.059 | 7.552 | 7.746 |
| Total Equity & Liabilities | 9.039 | 10.161 | 9.723 |
| Cash Flow Statement | | | |
| Net CF from Operating Activities | 467 | -337 | 1.283 |
| Net CF from Operating Activities** | | 573 | |
| Net CF from Investing Activities | -584 | -497 | -431 |
| Net Cash Flow used in/from | 116 | 837 | -857 |
| Financing Activities | | | |
| Net Increase/Decrease of Cash + Cash Equivalents | -2 | 4 | -5 |
| Cash + Cash Equivalents on 31 Dec | 5 | 9 | 4 |
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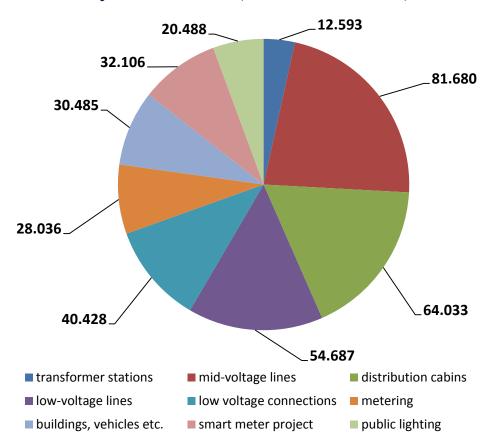




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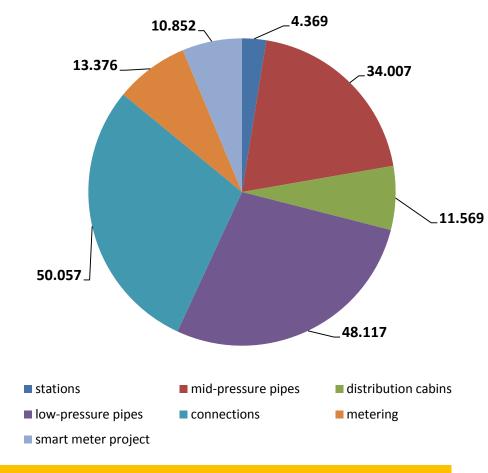
Capex Programme 2015 (actuals – gross investments)

Electricity: 364,5 mio € (2014: 407,5 mio €)



CAPEX/Total Net Fixed Assets: 6,9% (2014: 7,8%)

Gas: 191,8 mio € (2014: 191,8 mio €)



2015 investments in district heating: 0,3 m€ (2014: 1,6 m€)



Short term financing capacity

Liquidity Facilities (as per 31 December 2015)

CP Programmes ("Thesauriebewijzen")

- Total size programmes: 522 m€
- Outstanding as per date indicated: 166,8 m€

Cash & Cash Equivalents

- Bank account: negative balance (-58,4 m€)
- Overnight cash facility: 0 m€ as per 31 December 2015
 - 0 m€ drawn
- Committed

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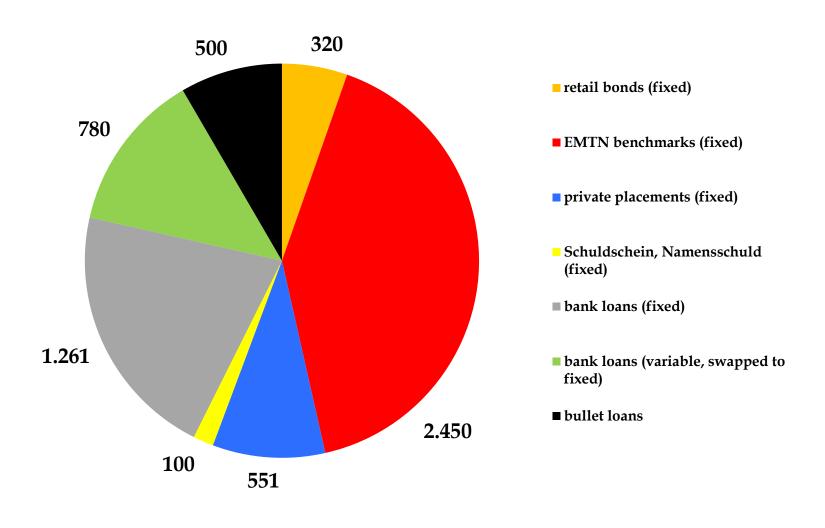
Credit Facilities

- Total size facilities: 300 m€
- Outstanding as per date indicated: 0 €
- Committed



Debt Profile (Economic Group)

LT Debt Profile by Instrument (5.962 m€ outstanding as per 31 December 2015)





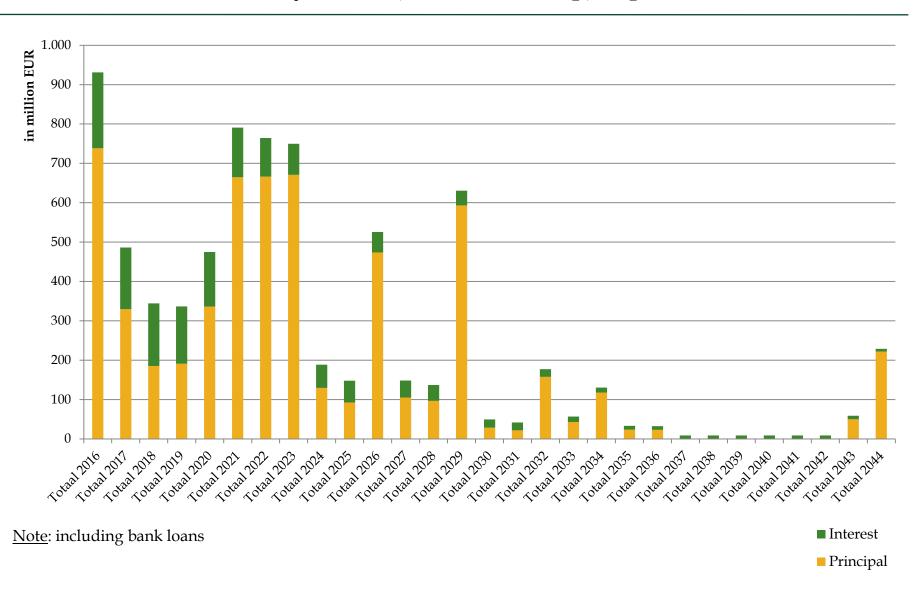
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Eandis's outstanding bonds (as per 31 December 2015): **3.420,5 m**€

| Туре | Amount (m€) | Issue Date | Maturity date | Maturity | Coupon |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|----------|--------|
| Retail | 150 | 23/06/2010 | 23/06/2017 | 7 | 4,000% |
| Retail | 170 | 30/12/2010 | 30/12/2020 | 10 | 4,250% |
| EMTN benchmark | 500 | 8/11/2011 | 8/11/2021 | 10 | 4,500% |
| EMTN benchmark | 500 | 30/11/2012 | 30/11/2022 | 10 | 2,750% |
| EMTN benchmark | 500 | 9/10/2013 | 9/10/2023 | 10 | 2,875% |
| EMTN sub-benchmark | 400 | 4/12/2014 | 4/12/2026 | 12 | 1,750% |
| Schuldschein | 50 | 21/09/2012 | 21/09/2027 | 15 | 3,500% |
| EMTN Private Placement | 54,5 | 28/03/2013 | 28/03/2028 | 15 | 3,500% |
| EMTN benchmark | 550 | 7/05/2014 | 7/05/2029 | 15 | 2,875% |
| EMTN Private Placement | 135,5 | 10/07/2012 | 10/07/2032 | 20 | 3,950% |
| EMTN Private Placement | 20,5 | 28/03/2013 | 28/03/2033 | 20 | 3,750% |
| Privater Placement | 95 | 27/10/2014 | 27/10/2034 | 20 | 2,600% |
| Private Placement | 23 | 5/03/2014 | 5/03/2036 | 22 | 3,550% |
| Namensschuldverschreibung | 50 | 24/06/2013 | 24/06/2043 | 30 | 3,500% |
| Private Placement | 52 | 5/03/2014 | 5/03/2044 | 30 | 3,550% |
| Private Placement | 170 | 27/10/2014 | 27/10/2044 | 30 | 3,000% |



Maturity Profile (Economic Group) as per 31 December 2015

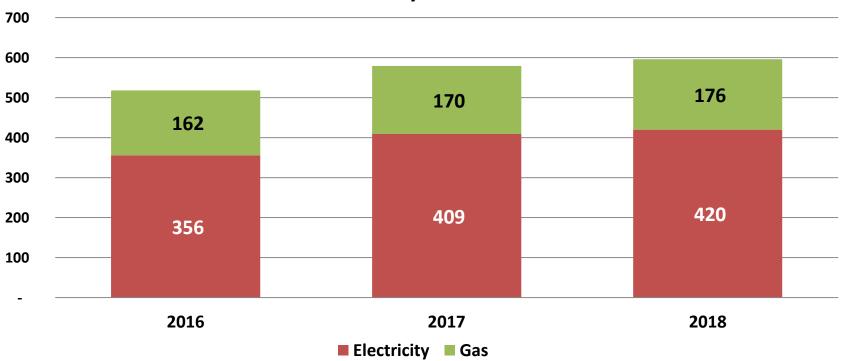




Financial overview

Investment programme 2016-2018 (net figures – m€)





Most likely investment programme includes impact of FIT on grid investments and a 100 per cent roll-out of smart metering by 2030. All capex programmes validated by VREG.



Financial overview

Action Plan FIT: clear focus on efficiency and productivity

- company-wide **Action Plan FIT** launched in June 2013
- "FIT-Breakthrough" as follow-up programme, launched in 2016
- FIT aims at 3 components:
 - 1. clear cut **efficiency and productivity objectives** (2013-2015) for grid investments, staff and other costs: grid investment budgets will be reduced to 'autofinancing'
 - 2. implementation of **cost efficiency measures** (after a bottom-up analysis within the framework of Operational Excellence)
 - 3. implementation of a **change action plan** to reinforce overall **cost awareness**

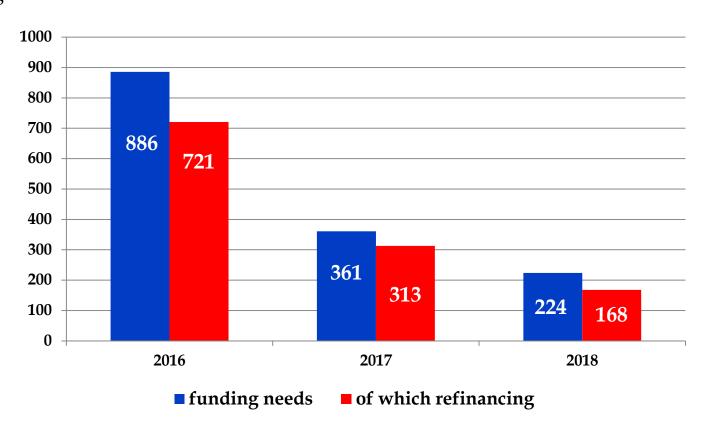


Financial overview

Funding Programme 2016-2018 (in mio €)

Funding programme 2016-2018:

- investment programme 2016-2018 requires annual net financing of 500-650 m€
- incl. repayments and interest payments under currently outstanding loans and external financing
- incl. proceeds realized from sale of green power & CHP certificates (since 2015)
- taxes taken into charges

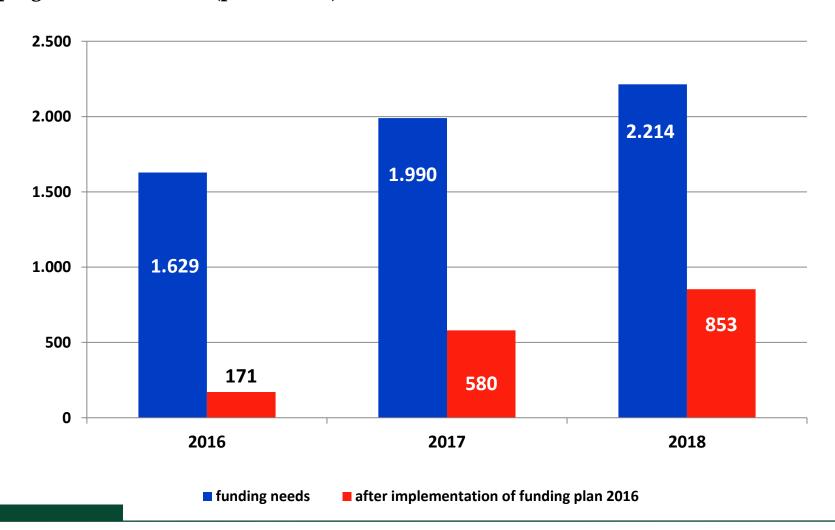




Financial overview

Funding Programme 2016-2018 (in mio €)

Funding programme 2016-2017 (provisional)





Financial Overview

Financial Policies and Strategy

Operational Basis

- Eandis System Operator operates on a cost price basis
- Eandis Assets operates in a fully regulated framework
- Separate tariff proposals and regulatory accounts for E and G separately
- All energy suppliers are required in order to receive network access to either (1) provide a letter of credit, (2) obtain a rating, or (3) provide a deposit equal to 3 months upfront network fees

DSO Capital Structure

- The regulator uses a defined regulated capital structure with preponderance for debt to equity
- Current balance sheet structure at approximately 42,4% equity versus 57,6% debt (BE-GAAP)

DSO Financial Policies

- Commitment of stable dividend in EUR (until 2019)
- Financial transactions need prior approval by the Board of Directors
- Funds (bank loans, bonds) borrowed by Eandis System Operator solely on behalf of Eandis Assets (= pass through principle)
- Eandis Assets sole guarantor of the debt issued by Eandis System Operator

Currency

External funding in EUR only (no exchange rate risks)

Risk Mgt Policies

■ Interest rate swaps, if any, are used for hedging purposes only



3. Company & Business Overview

- Ownership structure
- Intermunicipalities and DSOs
- Eandis's Network
- Corporate Social Responsibility



Company Overview

Ownership Structure

- Eandis System Operator is 100% owned by the DSO Eandis Assets (= merger of ex-DSOs Gaselwest, IMEA, Intergem, Iverlek, Imewo, Iveka and Sibelgas)
- Eandis Assets is **100% publicly owned:**
 - i.e. municipalities and provinces
 - ex-Sibelgas: important stake held by IBE/IBG
- Planned changes:
 - June 2016: exit of the **provinces** (2016: Antwerp and East-Flanders) and entry of the **financing intermunicipalities**
 - entry of **State Grid International Development** (= 100% affiliate of State Grid Corporation of China) with a 14% stake
- The current **expiry date** of Eandis Assets is 9 November 2019*, as stipulated by Decree
- At the end of the mandate expiry of Eandis Assets, the municipalities can decide to **extend EA's statutory lifetime for another 18 years**. If a municipality should decide not to take part in a prolongation, it is obliged to take over from EA/ESO their relevant assets & liabilities (incl. financial debt), personnel, public service obligations etc.

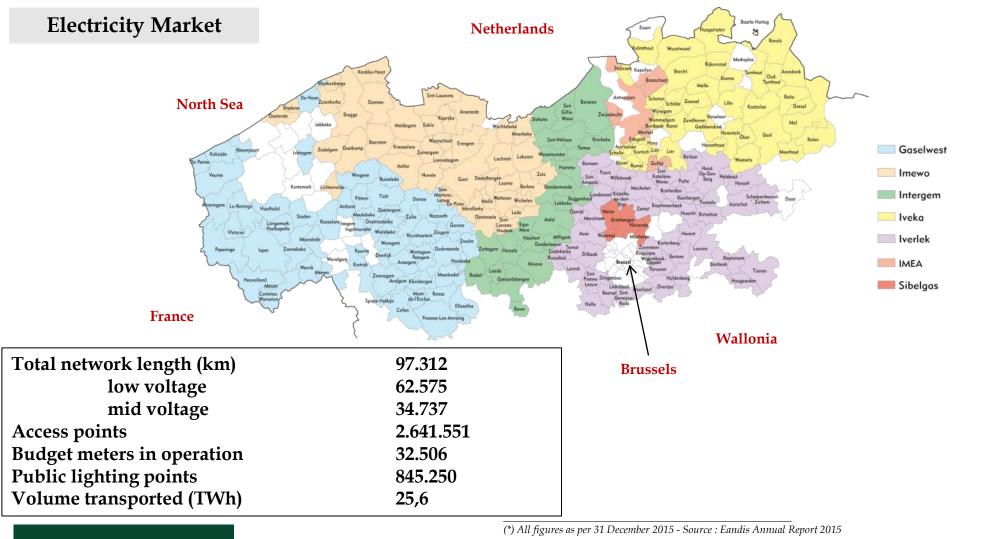
*: also valid for the DSOs of the Infrax group



Business Overview

Eandis' network

The Market Served by Eandis Covers 78% of the Flemish Municipalities



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Volume transported (TWh)

Business Overview

Eandis' network

The Market Served by Eandis Covers 78% of the Flemish Municipalities **Gas Market Netherlands North Sea** Gaselwest Imewo Intergem Iveka Iverlek IMEA Sibelgas France Wallonia **Brussels** Total network length (km) 42.598 low pressure 34.683 mid pressure 7.915 **Access points** 1.740.197 **Budget meters in operation** 23,725

50,9



4. Belgian Energy Market & Regulatory Framework

- Regulatory framework: Purpose & Organisation
- Regulatory framework for Electricity and Gas Distribution
- Tariffs setting Key characteristics
- Tariffs and Fair Beneficiary Margin
- Tariffs and Treatment of Differences between costs and revenues



Regulatory Framework

Purpose and Organisation of the Regulatory Framework in Belgium

Purpose

Organise the energy market in order to

- Increase generation capacity through import and new generation units
- Improve competition on the generation side
- Provide the framework for neutral, technically well integrated and cost efficient networks for gas and electricity transmission and distribution
- Benchmark cost of energy
- Reduce costs
- Permanently monitor the market and if necessary adjust regulations to improve its organisation
- Have a well functioning retail market
- Take action with a view to **satisfy the climate objectives**
 - Harmonise energy policies with environmental policies
 - Promote efficient use of energy
 - Promote use of renewable energy and use of CHP (Combined Heat & Power) units

Areas of Competence

■ In order to organise the Belgian energy market, one federal (<u>CREG</u>) and 3 regional regulators (Flanders: <u>VREG</u>) were set up

■ CREG's areas of competence

- Electricity generation (except from renewable sources and combined heat & power systems)
- Electricity transmission on > 70 kV grids
- Gas storage and gas transport
- Transmission tariffs

■ The 3 regional regulators' areas of competence

- Local distribution of electricity (voltage ≤ 70kV)
- Local distribution of natural gas
- Energy production from renewable sources and combined heat & power systems
- Rational use of energy (RUE)
- (Social) public service obligations
- Organization of supply market and supply licenses
- Distribution tariffs (as from 1 July 2014)



Distribution Grid Tarification - Transfer of competency

- 1 July 2014: formal date of transfer when VREG replaces CREG as competent tariff-setting regulator for the Flemish Region appointment by Flemish Decree of 14 March 2014
- 30 September 2014: VREG published tariff methodology for transitory tariff period 2015/2016,
 - principles of non-discrimination, stability, transparency, business continuity, efficiency and avoidance of tariff shocks
 - based on a revenue cap model ('exogenous' costs excluded), with incentives for nonexogenous costs
 - RABxWACC-based remuneration for DSO's shareholders
 - tariff methodology needs to be complemented with tariff guidelines and tariff structure
- 1 January 2017: start of tariff period 2017-2020, relevant tariff methodology not yet established (formal consultation procedure launched by VREG on 4 May 2016)



Towards a Flemish Distribution Grid Tarification

The coalition agreement for the Flemish government (2014-2019) stipulates the following elements with regard to the future distribution grid tariffs in the Flemish region:

- distribution tariffs to be reformed into purely grid-related tariffs per customer segment,
 reflecting capacity required by the end user
- tariffs should reflect costs for both off-take and injection
- balances from previous tariff periods (partly caused by tariff freeze 2013-2014) to be settled in tariff methodology
- tariffs should take into account the costs for constructing and using the grid
- **objectifiable differences** will be integrated into the tariffs, e.g. grid density (rural vs urban areas)
- a possible uniform contribution for social/ecological public service obligations will be investigated

→ still to be confirmed in formally approved tariff guidelines



Distribution Grid Tarification 2015-2016

- VREG approved the 2015/2016 tariffs E & G within the context of a transitory tariff period of 2 years; regular 4-year tariff periods to start in 2017-2020
- Basic tarification principles:
 - **revenue regulated** ('revenue cap' or 'allowed income') for non-exogenous costs:

$$AI_n = AI_{n-1} * [1 + CPI - x + q]$$
 in which

AI = allowed income

CPI = consumer price index

x = efficiency factor (not yet implemented)

q = quality factor (not yet implemented)

- RAB x WACC for 2016 with gearing [= debt/(debt+equity)] set at 55%
 - cost of equity at 5,7%, with risk-free rate = 2-year average yield on 10y Belgian OLO & German Bund, equity risk premium at 5,1% (E & G) and β at 0,73 (E & G)
 - o cost of debt at 4,1%
 - \rightarrow RAB-based WACC at 4,8% (post-tax); WACC at 6,1% (pre-tax)
- VREG allows for the **recovery of regulatory balances 2008-2009** over 2015-2016; recovery of 20% of 2010-2014 regulatory balances in 2016; timing of recovery of remaining part still unclear
- differences in exogenous costs and volume differences are settled in the annual tariffs





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Annexes

Company Overview

Organizational Structure: Management Committee (as from 1 Jan 2015)



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VAN DEN BOSSCHE, CEO
Chairman Management
Committee



Guy COSYNS
Customer
Operations



Wim DEN ROOVER Network Operations



Jean Pierre HOLLEVOET Network Management



David TERMONT, CFO Finance, Administration & ICT



Donald
VANBEVEREN
Regulation &
Strategy



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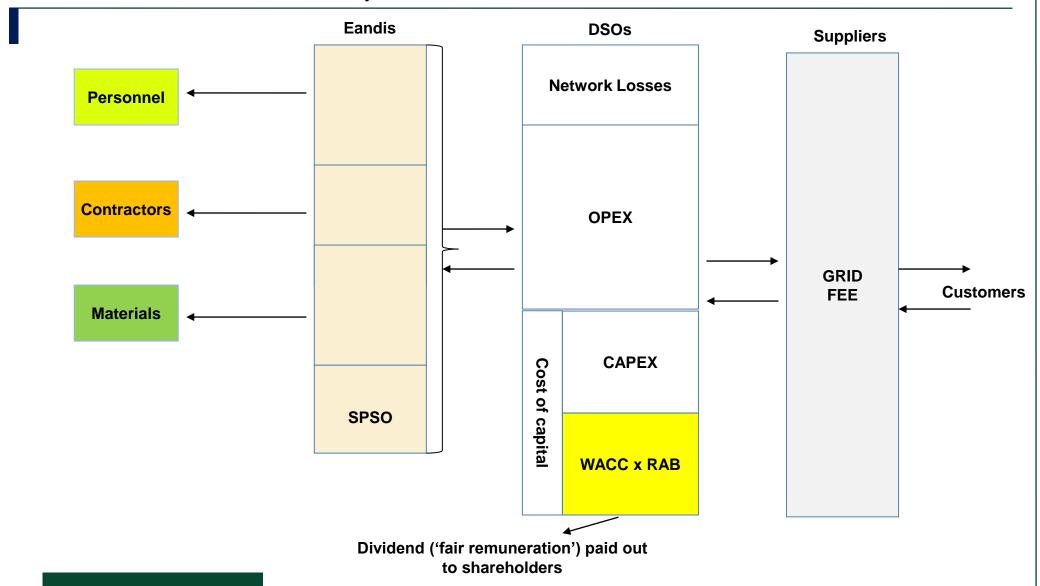
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Corporate Structure: Eandis Assets vs Eandis System Operator





Cash Cycle





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Intermunicipalities and DSOs

Intermunicipalities - Overview

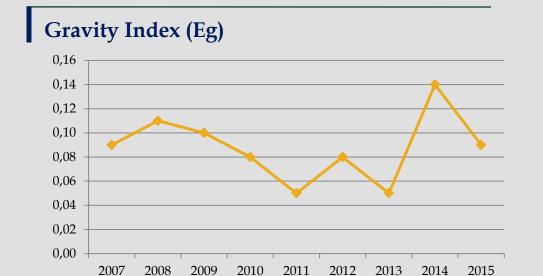
- **In Belgium, municipalities are in charge** of the provision of several public services covering, among others, waste management, water management, environment, **energy distribution**.
- The municipalities may **organise** these tasks in two ways
 - Through a "municipal company" (also called "regie") in which each municipality organises the service with its own personnel and financial resources
 - Through an association of several municipalities, (also called "intermunicipality") in which several municipalities are associated to provide a common service
- Legal status of **companies of public law**
- In Flanders, intermunicipalities are governed by the Flemish Decree of 6 July 2001. All items not explicitly covered by this decree are covered by the corporate rules for a "cooperative company" ("cvba")

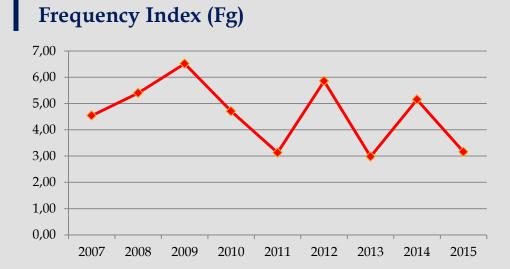
DSOs - Overview

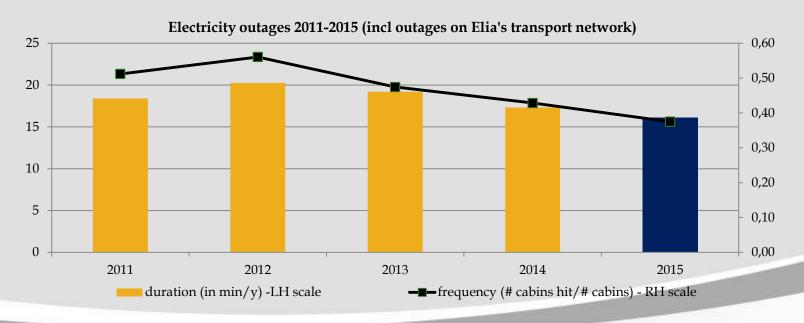
- Most municipalities opted for **intermunicipal associations** fort heir mission of electricity and gas distribution system operator ("DSO")
- Intermunicipal DSOs being public law companies do not have a commercial character, thus the **Belgian** Act of 8 August 1997 on bankruptcy does not apply
- In view of their mission entrusted by public shareholders, the **intermunicipal DSOs perform a public service** in an environment driven by principles of equality, continuity, regularity of service in relation to its suppliers and customers, rather than by principles of pure economic profit
- Each intermunicipal DSO holds a legal monopolistic position for the area covered by its network
- Each intermunicipal DSO owns **its proper grid** infrastructure
- Each intermunicipal DSO is appointed by the regional regulator VREG for a **renewable term of 12 years**: ownership of network (or rights of use) is prerequisite for obtaining such a licence licence for E was renewed in 2014, for G renewed in 2015

Eandis: safety & reliability

Industrial accidents (2007-2015) / electricity outages (2010-2015)









■ Activity: call centre for distribution network related issues

■ Shareholders: Eandis (64,03%), multi-service company Farys⁽¹⁾ (32,98%) and Synductis (2,99%)

7 members (of which 4 for Eandis, incl. Chairman David Termont) ■ Board:

■ Staff: 251 (2) on 3 sites (Mechelen, Ghent and Ypres)

■ Works at **cost price** (no margin/profit) for its shareholders

Consolidated according to the integral method

Financials 2015 (BE-GAAP)

Balance sheet total: € 3.942.433

• Share capital: € 257.700

• Debt: € 3.684.733 of which € 3.625.413 < 1 year / no LT debt)

• Turnover: € 13.046.479



⁽¹⁾ Farys is the new name for T.M.V.W.

⁽²⁾ As per end 2015



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■ Shareholders: all Belgian distribution grid operators

Eandis: 25% of share capital

■ Board: 12 members (of which 3 for Eandis, incl. Chairman Walter Van den Bossche)

■ Staff: 17 (on 31 December 2015)

■ Established: 9 May 2011

■ Operates on a federal scale (the whole of Belgium) for reasons of economies of scale

■ Atrias has developed MIG-6 (Message Implementation Guide, smart-ready) and is charged with the development of a clearing house application by the start of 2018

■ Works at **cost price** (no margin/profit) for its shareholders

Consolidated in Eandis according to the equity method

■ Financials 2015 (BE-GAAP)

• Balance sheet total: € 25.531.664

• Share capital: € 18.600

• Debt: € 25.513.044 (of which € 25.491.316 < 1 year / no LT debt)

• Turnover: € 9.503.513



Eandis's subsidiary: Synductis cvba

■ Date of establishment: 21 December 2012

■ Shareholders: Eandis (33,33%), Farys (44,95%), Proximus (16,67%), IWVA (2,26%) and IWVB (2,79%) – water

company Pidpa joined in June 2015 - open for other utilities

■ Board: 5 members (of which 2 for Eandis, incl. Chairman Geert Versnick)

■ Staff: none, all operations by staff delegated by shareholders

■ Synductis detects synergies between utilities carrying out infrastructure works in the public domain (energy, water, telecom, sewage a.o.), thus reducing hindrance for the general public and realising cost efficiencies for the utilities

■ Works at **cost price** (no margin/profit) for its shareholders

■ No consolidation for fiscal year 2014

■ Financials 2015 (BE-GAAP)

• Balance sheet total: € 875.805

• Share capital: € 19.200

• Debt: € 856.605 (all debt < 1 year / no LT debt)

• Turnover: € 1.996.649

Eandis's subsidiary: Warmte@Vlaanderen cvba



■ Date of establishment: 18 May 2016

■ Shareholders: Eandis System Operator (50%), Infrax (50%), Walter Van den Bossche (CEO ESO – 1

share) and Frank Vanbrabant (CEO Infrax – 1 share)

■ Board: 10 members (of which 5 for Eandis, incl. Chairman Koen Kennis)

■ Warmte@Vlaanderen will (i) detect, design, develop, build and maintain infrastructure for district heating and geothermal energy, (ii) generate heat and (iii) transport, distribute, supply, measure and bill heat

■ First fiscal year runs until 31 December 2017

■ Financials (BE-GAAP)

• Share capital: € 18.600

Public Services Obligations: socio-economic, technical, ecological

- <u>RUE</u> (Rational Use of Energy, 'REG' in Dutch)
 - DSOs are required to reduce primary energy use
 - DSOs draw up compulsory annual RUE Action Plans, to be ratified by the VREG

■ certificate mechanism

- DSOs are compelled to buy **green power certificates and CHP certificates** at a predetermined price from the generators DSOs can sell these certificates at (lower) market prices in an auction procedure
- <u>SPSO</u> (Social Public Service Obligations, 'SODV' in Dutch)
 - Goal: to ensure minimum and continuous supply of electricity and gas to any household in Flanders
 - social supplier for customers dropped by commercial suppliers
 - cut-offs from grid connection only allowed in well-defined circumstances (fraud, disused premises etc.)
 - special conditions for protected customers e.g. free installation of a budget meter

global service obligations

- **right of connection** to the gas and electricity network (Flemish Government Decision, 19 November 2010)
- DSOs' annual **investment plans** to be ratified by VREG
- **supplier of last resort** in case a supplier defaults (no legal document as yet, intermediary system currently in place)

DSOs are crucial in implementing the Flemish Government's public service / social welfare policies. In addition, supplier of last resort indicates the confidence of the Flemish Government in the DSOs' networks.