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## **Reaction to the Flemish Government's vision on the energy intermunicipalities in Flanders**

On Friday 5 May 2017, the Flemish Government approved a vision document which aims at further streamlining the structures of distribution grid management in Flanders and at stimulating an integration of the operating companies.

### **Acknowledgement**

As announced before in the media by our Chairmen Piet Buyse (Eandis) and Wim Dries (Infrax), both Boards of Directors have developed and approved over the past months a plan on the full integration of both companies into one operating company, Fluvius.

Because we are convinced - as is the Flemish Government –that a strong local embedding is important, we will ask the shareholders of Eandis and Infrax – the 308 Flemish municipalities – to take a decision on this plan. The procedure of consultation of the Boards of Directors of our fifteen local distribution system operators (DSOs) for energy, sewerage and cable on this planned integration is currently ongoing. We hope to successfully finalise this procedure very soon.

### **Debate on core activities**

The Flemish Government also announced a debate on the core activities for the future integrated operating company and a new protocol of collaboration between the Minister for Energy and Fluvius. Obviously, Eandis and Infrax are prepared to start these discussions with the Flemish Government.

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