



## Union for the Coordination of Transmission of Electricity

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### UCTE-IPS/UPS electricity transmission system study has started

**With the active support of the European Commission, the largest system study in the history of UCTE was kicked-off on 20 April 2005 in Brussels after several years of preparation.**



This project deals with the investigation of the feasibility of a future synchronous interconnection of the electricity transmission systems of UCTE and IPS/UPS in order to support further developments of electricity markets.

On 19 April 2005 Boris Ayuev, CEO of the System Operator of the Unified Power System of Russia and Martin Fuchs, President of UCTE and CEO of E.ON Netz, the leading company of a UCTE TSO consortium, signed a related Co-operation Agreement.

The study comprises all investigations concerning the possible synchronization of two systems which developed so far independently in technical, organizational and legal terms. A synchronous interconnection of IPS/UPS and UCTE would finally lead to an electricity system with an installed generation capacity of some 800 GW, spanning 13 time zones and serving about 800 million people.



The study will be performed as a joint project under the responsibility of UCTE. More than 100 experts will be involved in this feasibility study set for a 3-year duration and partly financed by the European Commission.

### Profiles

**UCTE:** The "Union for the Coordination of Transmission of Electricity" (UCTE) is the association of transmission system operators (TSO) on the European mainland that provides a reliable platform to all market participants. The UCTE network provides some 500 million people with a high-quality electricity supply.

**IPS/UPS:** comprises the power systems of the Baltic States (Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia), Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia.